

# Civil Law and Procedure

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## **Summary Ejectment and Small Claims Action Changes – Tenancy in Common/E-Notary/Small Claims Changes.**

SL 2024-47 (H556), Secs. 8-9

Sections 8 and 9 of S.L. 2024-47 do the following:

- Clarify authorized litigation costs in summary ejectment matters.
- Provide that judgment in a small claim action can be rendered electronically by the magistrate.
- Begin the appeal period in a small claim action when a judgment is rendered by the magistrate.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor on July 3, 2024, and that veto was overridden by the General Assembly on September 9, 2024. Section 8 of this act became effective September 9, 2024, and the amendments contained in this section are intended to be clarifying of the General Assembly's intent under previous amendments to this statute. Section 9 of this act becomes effective October 1, 2024, and applies to judgments rendered on or after that date.

## **Certain Notary Modifications – Disaster Relief-3/Budget/Various Law Changes.**

SL 2024-57 (S382), Sec. 2E.5

Section 2E.5 of S.L. 2024-57 validates any emergency video notarizations and emergency video witnessing performed from July 1, 2024 through September 8, 2024.

This section was vetoed by the Governor on November 26, 2024, but the veto was overridden by the General Assembly on December 11, 2024. This section became effective December 11, 2024.