

14A-8. (a) In addition to the power above enumerated and not in derogation or limitation thereof, the Judges of the People's Court shall have the following powers:

(b) To provide by appropriate rules and printed forms, for the administration of said Court and for the expeditious, orderly, efficient and simple practice and procedure in said Court which may relate to, and include, but shall not be limited to, the fixing of court costs, registered or certified mail service, return days, practice in suits against non-residents, attachments, replevins, joint tort-feasors, counter-claims, cross-claims, and consolidations, continuances, depositions, dismissals, arbitrations, set-offs, appeal bonds, summary judgments, judgments by default, judgments by confession, supplementary proceedings, new trial, and such other matters not inconsistent with law. Such rules shall have the force of law until rescinded or modified by the said Judges or by the General Assembly.

(c) To establish a circuit within the county for sittings of the said Court, complying with the provisions of Section 14A-6 hereof, as often and for such periods of time as may be required by the work of the Court.

(d) To suspend or reduce sentence and/or costs in any case within their jurisdiction within [ten (10)] *thirty (30)* days after judgment has been pronounced.

(e) To place offenders on probation without verdict.

*(f) The court shall have power to issue a summons for the attendance of any witness in any case before it, and upon the failure of any person to attend in response to said summons at the time and place mentioned therein, said person shall be liable, in the discretion of the court, to a fine not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), provided the proof shows that a written or printed notice of said summons was duly delivered to the witness, in person, by someone duly authorized under the law to summons witnesses in such case. Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the power of the court as hereinafter provided, to punish for direct contempt.*

*(g) To issue writs of subpoena duces tecum, habeas corpus ad prosequendam and habeas corpus ad testificandum.*

*(h) The same power as possessed by the several courts of this State to issue attachments and inflict summary punishments for direct contempts committed in the presence of the People's Court, or so near to said court as to interrupt its proceedings, in the types of cases set forth in Section 4 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The procedure in such cases shall be as provided for direct contempts under Section 5 of said Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.*

*(i) The Chief Judge may have destroyed any records of the traffic division of the court which are more than three years old.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1965.*

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