

(b) *The widow of every Chief Judge who dies in active service shall be paid one-half of the pension to which such Chief Judge would have been entitled on the date of his retirement. Such payment will not be made until the date the deceased Judge would have attained the age of seventy (70). The widow of every such Chief Judge who dies after retiring shall be paid one-half of the pension which such Chief Judge was receiving or eligible to receive at the date of his death. In order to be entitled to the pension provided by this section, a widow of a Chief Judge who dies during active service or after retirement shall have been married to him for a period of not less than ~~ten~~ THREE years before his retirement or death. A widow who is entitled to a pension under the provisions of this section shall be paid for the period of her life unless she remarries in which event the pension is to cease and terminate.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That the jurisdiction, powers, duties, responsibility and authority conferred upon the trial magistrates of Wicomico County as now provided by law shall continue in effect until May 1, 1967, and from and after that date, upon appointment of the Judges of the People's Court as provided herein, and their qualification, the Judges of the People's Court shall assume their duties and jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of this Act, and the said trial magistrates shall forthwith transfer and deliver all dockets, books of account and other records of every kind kept in their official capacity to the Chief Judge of the People's Court. From and after May 1, 1967, the offices, positions, and salaries of the trial magistrates of Wicomico County and the offices, positions and salaries of all clerks, constables, and other personnel theretofore appointed or employed by or on account of the said trial magistrates shall stand abolished.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That the County Council is authorized to provide out of the general funds of the county or any general fund surplus, such amounts as may be necessary to the proper administration of this Act prior to the adoption of the next annual county budget.*

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted, That all laws or parts of laws public general or public local, inconsistent with provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed to the extent of any such inconsistency.*

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted, That if any provision of this Act or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions or any other application of this Act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Act are declared to be severable.*

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1966.*

Approved May 6, 1966.

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