

# Md. Lower Judiciary Reform Bill Goes Into Effect Today

Maryland's lower judiciary reform law, revamping the ancient justice of the peace system, goes into effect throughout the State today.

Gov. O'Connor yesterday issued an incomplete list of trial magistrates named under the new law, the Associated Press reported. Included in the list are five magistrates for Montgomery and Prince Georges counties.

The Montgomery County appointees are Donald A. De Lashmutt, of Rockville; James C. Christopher, of Bethesda, and Ralph G. Shure, of Takoma Park. Those named in Prince Georges are Alan Bowie, of Brandywine, and Walter L. Green, of College Park.

De Lashmutt has been serving as county police court judge under the old judiciary system since May 1. He held the same office from 1932 to 1935.

Christopher is a former deputy clerk to the county commissioners and a former law associate of Judge Stedman Prescott, before the latter was named to the Circuit Court bench. Shure, a practicing attorney in Takoma Park, is a graduate of the University of Maryland and Georgetown University law school.

Bowie is a former Prince Georges County State's attorney. Like De Lashmutt, he has been serving as police court judge since May 1 under the old judiciary system. Green is a practicing attorney at Hyattsville and has been active in Democratic politics for a number of years. This is his first public office.

Under the new judiciary system, the justices of the peace are classed as trial and committing magistrates. The authority of the latter is limited to setting bond and holding prisoners for trial before the trial magistrates.

Other trial magistrates named by the Governor yesterday, according to the Associated Press, are:

Allegany County—Oliver H. Bruce, Jr.; Frank A. Pardew, both of Cumberland; Owen L. Porter, Joseph A. Feldman, Frostburg; Edward S. Moran, Westport; Bernard F. McPartland, Lonaconing; Aloysius Monahan, Mount Savage; Thomas E. Stakem, Midland; Roy S. Bowman, Cresaptown; James T. Lossdon, Barton.

One substitute magistrate not named  
Baltimore County—John B. Rowe, Catonsville; J. Frederick C. Oifurt, Cockeysville; Michael J. Birmingham, Essex; Clarence G. Luken, Fullerton; Charles H. Doinz, Halethorpe; W. Evans Anderson, Parkton; Charles A. Webb, Pikesville; Frances Scott Rhodes, Reisterstown; Thomas F. McDonough, Sparrows Point; Milton R. Smith, Towson. One substitute, three regular magistrates not named  
Calvert County—William W. Duke, Prince Frederick. Two unnamed.  
Carroll County—John Wood Westminster; Vincent Tubman, Manchester. Substitute unnamed.  
Cecil County—G. Reynolds Sash, Elkton. Four unnamed.  
Dorchester County—J. Richard Jones, Cambridge; George W. James, substitute Cambridge.  
Frederick County: Alton Y. Bennett, Manuel M. Weinberg, Frederick City, Francis Campbell, Emmitsburg. Two unnamed.  
Howard County: Louis M. Leimbach, Ellicott City; J. Lewis Thompson, Elk Ridge; Howard U. Gosnell, Savage; George E. Taylor, Jr., substitute.  
Kent County: Clarence M. Melvin, Chestertown; Richard H. Collins, substitute.  
Queen Annes County: J. Imer Anthony, Centreville; William T. Callahan, substitute.  
Somerset County: L. Shanley Ford, Princess Anne; Fred N. Holland, Crisfield. Substitute unnamed.  
Talbot County: J. Fletcher Clark, Easton; Lee S. Gillis, substitute.  
Washington County: Harry F. Snyder, Martin V. Bostetter, Hagerstown; J. Preston Bowles, Hancock; Elmer G. Miller, Boonsboro. Two unnamed.  
Wicomico County: E. Sheldon Jones, Salisbury. Substitute unnamed.