

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 412.

AN ACT to add a sub-section to be designated Sub-section 203A, to Section two hundred and three of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace."

Dorchester Co. Justices of the peace. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a sub-section, to be designated Sub-section 203A, be and the same is hereby added to Section two hundred and three of Article 10 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Dorchester County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace," the same to follow said Section two hundred and three and to read as follows:

In criminal cases may amend the warrant, etc. Sec. 203A. In all criminal cases before justices of the peace the justice of the peace, of his own motion, or on the motion of the State's attorney, may, at any time before the trial begins amend the warrant or any other proceeding in any such cases pending before him, or the State's attorney may file a charge in the nature of an indictment, to be signed by such State's attorney, and the case shall be tried on such charge, instead of the warrant, and in all criminal trials in the Circuit Court where the cases have been removed to said county on an application for a jury, whether such removal is made on the motion of the State's attorney or the defendant, or in case of an appeal from a justice of the peace, the court, on motion of the State's attorney, may at any time before the trial or during the progress of trial amend the warrant or other proceedings, or before the trial begins, the State's attorney may file a charge in the nature of an indictment, setting forth the offense, and the case shall be tried on such charge, instead of on the warrants.

Approved April 7, 1900.

CHAPTER 413.

AN ACT to regulate the time of taking oysters by the citizens of Charles County in the waters of Wicomico river, sub-title "Oysters."