

of said Court to hear exclusively any class or classes of cases and the assignment of a particular judge or judges exclusively to such divisions and the vesting of administrative duties in the Chief Judge; such rules shall have the force of law until rescinded or modified by said judges or the General Assembly. Unless otherwise provided by law, all powers granted by this section or by law to said Court or the Judges thereof as a body may be exercised by a majority of the Judges thereof. Said Court shall not be a Court of Record.

(d) There shall be a Chief Clerk of said Court who shall be appointed by said Court and who shall perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by said Court or by law by the General Assembly. He shall be paid such compensation from such sources as the General Assembly shall prescribe from time to time by law. There shall be such deputy and assistant clerks, clerical, probationary, stenographic and other employees as may be prescribed from time to time by the General Assembly by law and such law shall prescribe the method of selection, amount and manner of compensation and tenure of such employees and that such employees and the Chief Clerk shall be or become members of the Classified City Service of Baltimore or the Classified Service of the State or another classified service or merit system which may be hereafter established. Such employees shall perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by said Court or by law by the General Assembly. The employees of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City shall be transferred from the Traffic Court to the Municipal Court, as of the first Monday in May, 1961.

(e) After the day immediately preceding the first Monday in May, 1961, no Justice of the Peace of Baltimore City, including the Police Magistrates of Baltimore City, the Chief Police Magistrate of Baltimore City, the Magistrates-at-Large for Baltimore City, the Magistrates of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, and the Chief Magistrate of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, shall exercise any of the jurisdiction, or have any of the powers or duties conferred on the Court herein created.

(f) No member of the General Assembly at which this amendment is proposed, if otherwise qualified, shall be ineligible for appointment or election as judge of the Municipal Court for Baltimore City by reason of his membership in such General Assembly.¹

¹ Thus added by Chapter 373, Acts of 1959, ratified November 8, 1960.