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ance before the said court, to answer the charge, and when the party shall appear before the said court, he or she shall have the option either to submit the case to the hearing and judgment of the said court, and to traverse the same before the said court, as such like case, may be now traversed before the county court, or may in his or her election enter into recognizance before the said district court, or any one of the justices thereof, for his or her appearance at the next county court of the same county, to answer the charge; but if the party so charged shall elect to submit his or her case to the hearing and judgment of the said district court, or to traverse the charge before the same court, then the said district court shall have power and jurisdiction to hear and determine the same, and give judgment according to the law of the land, and the truth of the matter, and in case of conviction, the said district court shall and may inflict punishment by fine and imprisonment, and in all such cases the party accused as well as the State, shall have the benefit of such witnesses as either of them may require to be summoned to the said court to testify in their behalf, and the privilege of appearing and prosecuting or defending the charge by attorney, and the party accused shall have a reasonable time to prepare for his defence, and shall be entitled also to be discharged from actual custody upon giving reasonable bail for his appearance in the said district court, from time to time, as the court shall direct and require, till he be finally discharged; and any one of the said district justices shall have authority to take such bail bond, with such security as he may reasonably require, conditioned as aforesaid, and the said district court shall have power and authority to tax the costs that may arise, in all such cases before them for assault and battery; and in cases of conviction of the party accused, to give judgment against him or her, for the said costs, as well as for any fine the said court may impose; and in case of non payment of such fine and costs, for the recovery thereof the said court may issue execution by *capias ad satisfaciendum* or *fieri facias*, in the name of the State of Maryland, against the party convicted, directed to the