

the election district where the contract to be sued on was made, or the cause of action originated, provided, that if the contract be made, or the cause of action originate in any other county, in the City of Baltimore, or without the State, or in event there should be no justice of the peace in the election district where the defendant resides or such contract was made or cause of action originated, then such person may be sued in any election district in said county, and provided that where there are two or more defendants residing in different districts it shall be lawful to institute proceedings in any district in which any defendant resides.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 7, sec. 59. 1870, ch. 434.

145. The justices of the peace in and for Carroll, Caroline, Charles, Dorchester, Harford, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, Worcester, Anne Arundel, and Calvert Counties, shall have jurisdiction over and may take cognizance of all actions of assault and battery in which the damages claimed do not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars; and also criminal jurisdiction in all cases of assault and battery committed in said counties, unless it shall appear to the said justices of the peace, upon the hearing of the case, that the said assault and battery was committed with intent to kill.

1906, ch. 77, sec. 59A. 1929, ch. 507, sec. 59A.

146. After the appointment by the Governor of Maryland of the justices of the peace provided for by Section 145,* it shall be the duty of the Governor to select from the justices so appointed for Election District No. 7 one who shall be known and designated as "Police Justice," who shall have the same jurisdiction in criminal cases as justices of the peace of Carroll County now possess, and which may hereafter be conferred upon them by and under the laws of the State. The said police justice so selected shall be required to try and determine all violations of the criminal laws of the State and ordinances of the city of Westminster, which may arise in said Election District No. 7, within the jurisdiction possessed by justices of the peace; subject, however, to the same right of election to be tried by jury, notice of which must be clearly given by said justice to the party before beginning trial, and subject to the same right of appeals as now or may hereafter exist, under the general law; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Act shall deprive the said police justice of jurisdiction to try criminal cases which arise in any other district of said county, if the same shall be properly brought before him.

1906, ch. 77, sec. 59B. 1908, ch. 329 (p. 699). 1924, ch. 191. 1929, ch. 507, sec. 59B.

147. The said justice shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of fifteen hundred dollars and the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars for expenses per year, or the proportionate part thereof, so long as he shall continue to act as such police justice in said district, said salary to be paid to him by the County Commissioners of Carroll County in equal monthly installments, and shall be in full compensation for all services rendered the State of Maryland required of him under this Act; and for

*Sec. 142 evidently intended.