

## 1927, ch. 426, sec. 7.

**584.** On and after the passage of this Act the several Justices of the Peace of Prince George's County shall be divested of and shall no longer have and possess any criminal jurisdiction to try, hear and determine any criminal case whatsoever, except as in this Act provided; and provided further that the several Justices of the Peace shall have the same power and authority to issue warrants, summons, process and take recognizance in any and all criminal cases as are now allowed by law, but all the same shall be made returnable before the Police Justice, except as in this Act provided with reference to violation of town ordinances, and except in violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws as herein provided, and except further in cases of felony, if bailable, wherein the several Justices of the Peace of said County may take recognizance as now authorized by law, they may conduct an ex parte hearing, and if there be a reasonable presumption of guilt, may commit the accused to jail in default of the surety required to be furnished, and if a felony and not bailable, the several Justices of the Peace shall have jurisdiction to conduct a preliminary hearing, and if the facts warrant the accused being held, they may commit the accused to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury, in which case they shall be allowed such fees, and shall charge such fees for constables other than Constables at Large as are now allowed by law. But nothing in this Act shall divest the several Justices of the Peace in Prince George's County of their right as now allowed by law to act as coroners and to do in this regard as they are now allowed by law.

See sec. 593.

## 1927, ch. 426, sec. 8.

**585.** The said Police Justice shall be paid a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500) a year, payable monthly by the County Commissioners of Prince George's County, and he shall receive in addition thereto the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) as personal expenses in connection with the duties of his office; and he shall receive no other fees or compensation of any other kind, nature or description in connection with his office. He shall charge the same costs both in civil and criminal cases as are now allowed by law, and all fees, civil and criminal, charged or taxed as part of the costs, and collected by him, shall be paid over to the County Commissioners, and by them credited to the County; and all witnesses in criminal cases before him shall be allowed the same fees and mileage as are now allowed in criminal cases before a Justice of the Peace in Prince George's County. The County Commissioners shall furnish the said Police Justice with such docket or dockets, stationery and forms as pertain to and are essential for the due administration of his office, at the expense of the County.

## 1927, ch. 426, sec. 9.

**586.** The said Police Justice, at the first regular meeting of the County Commissioners of Prince George's County held in each month, shall make a report in writing, verified under oath, of all criminal and civil