

sary and advisable, in his discretion, hold hearings and trials in the election district where the particular offense to be heard or tried was committed, at a place in such election district to be selected by said Police Justice, the use thereof to be paid for by the County Commissioners of said County in a sum not to exceed one dollar for any hearing or trial, but this discretionary power shall not, in any event, be exercised to accommodate the personal convenience or desires of any person or persons.

1929, ch. 69, sec. 4.

270. The said Police Justice herein provided shall have no civil jurisdiction; but shall have the jurisdiction of and perform the duties of coroner and shall have exclusive criminal jurisdiction concurrent with that exercised by the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County, in all cases of assault and battery, cruelty to animals, vagrancy, drunkenness and disorderly conduct, disturbance of the public peace, wrongfully opening or breaking the seal of any letter not addressed to the party, selling deadly weapons to minors, obscene publications, blasphemy, destroying bounded or boundary trees, all charges of violations of health laws, trading stamps, female sitters, selling of intoxicating liquors, gambling, wife beating, deserting of wife or child, disorderly houses, carrying of concealed weapons, maliciously destroying property, unlawful hunting, gaming, care and protecting of minors, Sabbath breaking, and all actions for the recovery of any fines, penalty or forfeiture under the laws of the State, within the limits of said Queen Anne's County, and all other violations of law, that are classed or specified as misdemeanors, now in existence or hereafter to be created by law, including all violations of any ordinance of any incorporated town in Queen Anne's County, subject, however, to the same right of appeal in all cases as now exists under the law, and subject to the same right of election to be tried by a jury, notice of which must be clearly given by said Police Justice to the party before trial, in all cases punishable by confinement in the Penitentiary, but with no right of election to be tried by a jury in any case punishable by a fine, or confinement in jail or the House of Correction, said requirement to forego the right of election to be tried by a jury in such cases shall not be construed as barring the right of appeal to the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County; provided, however, that said justice shall not have any jurisdiction in cases of felony charged in any warrant or indictment, except for the purpose of arrest, commitment for a hearing and commitment for the action of the Grand Jury. And the said Justice shall have the power to issue all process and to do all acts which may be necessary to the exercise of his said jurisdiction; may hear and determine all cases whereof he may have jurisdiction, and may pronounce judgment and sentence therein in the same manner and to the same extent as the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County could in such cases if said cases were tried before said Court without the investigation of a jury; provided further, that said justice shall have the power in any and all cases to suspend the operation