

try and determine all cases of any such dependent, neglected or delinquent children and to provide for the custody, control and maintenance of such child or children until it or they shall attain the age of twenty-one years, and shall have all other jurisdiction by this Act expressly conferred, and such Magistrate shall sit at such times and places as may be necessary for the proper discharge of his duties.

(4) Such Justice is empowered to appoint a suitable person to act as his clerk, who may be a woman, who shall receive two-thirds from the County Commissioners of said Washington County, and the other one-third from the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, a salary of seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum, payable monthly, and who shall attend at such times and places and perform such duties as may be directed by said Justice, and who shall be removable by said Justice at his discretion.

(5) The hearing, trial and determination of all cases of dependent, neglected or delinquent children by said Justice, sitting as the Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, shall be had without regard to technicalities of procedure or rules of evidence.

(6) The Justice herein provided for, before qualifying as such, shall give bond to the State of Maryland in a penalty of one thousand dollars, with a surety or sureties to be approved by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County, conditioned that he will well and faithfully perform and execute the duties and obligations of the office of Justice of the Peace, and that he will account for and pay over to the County Commissioners of Washington County all fines, penalties, forfeitures and costs imposed by him, and which he shall receive for or on account of criminal offenses tried before him, under the provisions of the Code of Public General Laws and Code of Public Local Laws, and that he will account for and pay over to the Tax Collector of Hagerstown all fines, penalties, forfeitures and costs imposed by him and which he shall receive for or on account of offenses against the ordinances of Hagerstown, and that he will well and truly account for and pay over to the person, persons, corporation or corporations entitled to the same, all money coming into his hands for or on account of any business pertaining to or connected with his office. And the bond of the said Justice of the Peace shall be liable at the suit of the State of Maryland for the use of the County Commissioners of Washington County and of the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, and of any person, persons, corporation or corporations entitled under any default of said condition.

1924, ch. 36, sec. 272B. 1929, ch. 378, sec. 272B.

559. For purposes of this Act the words "dependent child," "delinquent child" and "neglected child" shall be construed as meaning any child under the age of 16 years as hereinafter defined.

(a) A delinquent child is one who violates any Criminal Law of this State, or ordinances of any of the incorporated towns of Washington County, or is incorrigible, habitually disobedient, or beyond the control of his parents or other lawful authorities, or is growing up in idleness or crime,