

dependent, neglected or delinquent child shall be made defendant or defendants, the said Magistrate shall have full power and authority to require such parent or parents or other person so charged to pay in full or in part the cost of maintaining such child, and said Magistrate shall have full power and authority to assess the costs of such proceeding against such parent or parents or other person so charged. Costs in such cases shall be taxed in the customary amount, but in no case shall any appearance fee be allowed, and fees to witnesses shall be allowed only in the discretion of said Magistrate, but when allowed, such witness fees and mileage shall be the same as now allowed by the Circuit Court for Washington County.

In no case shall any person filing a petition under this Act be held liable for any costs of the case unless the Magistrate shall be satisfied that the case was instituted without reasonable grounds or through prejudice, upon which finding all costs of the proceeding may be assessed against the petitioner in the discretion of said Magistrate.

1924, ch. 36, sec. 272-I.

566. All costs incurred in the prosecution of cases under this Act, except as hereinbefore provided and except in corporation cases of the City of Hagerstown, shall be paid by the County Commissioners of said county, and it shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of said county, and they are hereby authorized to make all levies and appropriations necessary to provide for the payment of the salaries, fees, expenses and costs made by this Act, payable by the County Commissioners of said county.

1924, ch. 36, sec. 272J.

567. The said Magistrate shall not commit for any reason a child under fourteen years of age to a jail or police station to be confined with other prisoners. If any such child shall be unable to give bail for his or her appearance as and where demanded, he or she shall be committed to the care of a probation officer of the said county, or to the custody of some person, home or society or juvenile institution organized for the care of children.

1924, ch. 36, sec. 272K.

568. Whenever any minor is arrested he may be taken to such place, other than a station house or jail, as may be designated by said Magistrate, but in the absence of such designation such minor may be held at a station house until brought before said Justice, and when said Magistrate shall commit any minor for trial or for hearing he may commit such minor to a suitable institution or into the custody of some responsible citizen of Washington County instead of the jail. The Board of County Commissioners for said county may in its discretion rent, lease or build a suitable building as a house of detention for minors under the age of sixteen years who may be held to await trial or hearing, and to which such minor may be committed by said Magistrate as to other reformatories or schools. Said building to contain separate wards for male and female inmates, and