

the governor by the bar association of Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of said commission to make a thorough examination of the constitution and laws of this State relating to the method of appointment, jurisdiction, practice and procedure of justices of the peace for Baltimore City and to prepare and submit to the next general assembly of this State a report embodying the results of said examination. Said report shall include their recommendations, if any, for improving said laws, and they shall draft such amendments to the constitution and laws of the State as they may deem advisable.

Magistrates for Juvenile Causes.

1931, ch. 323, sec. 81.

83. In addition to the Justices of the Peace already authorized by law, there shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and if the Senate shall not be in session by the Governor, from each county in the State of Maryland, an additional justice of the peace for each county to be known as the magistrate for juvenile causes for the particular county in which he is appointed, who shall be at least twenty-five years of age, a member of the bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, and shall receive such salary, payable by the County Commissioners of the county for which he is appointed, as such County Commissioners shall determine, provided, however, that no such appointment shall be made in any county until the County Commissioners shall have provided a salary for such Justice, and shall have notified the Governor that such provision has been made until the appointment of a Magistrate for Juvenile Causes for any county as herein provided, the Courts and Justices of the Peace of the several counties shall continue to exercise jurisdiction in juvenile causes as authorized by law prior to the passage of this sub-title. When such Justices are appointed, each shall have the following jurisdiction and powers: (1) He shall possess the same powers as a justice of the peace or magistrate for criminal causes and have criminal jurisdiction as the same is now or may hereafter be defined by law. (2) He shall have exclusive jurisdiction where jurisdiction is given by law to any justice of the peace or magistrate for criminal causes in all cases of trial, or commitment for trial, or commitment to any juvenile institution of any minor under the age of sixteen (16) years. (3) He shall sit at such times as may be necessary for the proper discharge of his duties, at such proper places as may be provided by the County Commissioners of the county in which he is appointed. (4) He shall have the power and authority to enforce obedience to his orders and judgments by attachment and to inflict summary punishment for contempt of court by a fine not exceeding in any one case the sum of twenty dollars (\$20); and make such rules and orders from time to time for the well-governing and regulating his court and the officers and suitors thereof and under such fines and forfeitures as he shall think fit, not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20) for any one offense; all of which fines shall go to the State; provided, however, that the power aforesaid to punish for contempt shall not be construed to extend to any case arising in the court of any of said magistrates for juvenile causes except the cases specifically set forth and provided for in Section 4 of Article 26 of the Code of General Laws of Maryland, as within the power of the several courts of the State to inflict summary punishment for contempt of court.