

determine all prosecutions or proceedings for the recovery of any penalty, for doing or omitting to do any act within Prince George's County, the doing of which or the omission to do which, is made punishable under the laws of this State by any pecuniary fine or penalty, or by imprisonment in jail, or in the Maryland House of Correction; all of which acts or omissions are hereby declared to be criminal offenses; and the said Police Justices shall have power to issue all process, and to do all acts which may be necessary for the exercise of said jurisdiction, and may pronounce judgment and sentence in all such cases coming before him, in the same manner, and to the same extent as the Circuit Court for Prince George's County could if such cases had been tried before said Court; provided, however, that said Police Justice shall pronounce no sentence exceeding three years in the Maryland House of Correction or jail; and further provided, however, that the accused when brought before said Justice on being informed by him of his right to trial by jury, freely elects to be tried before said Justice, and provided further, that a jury trial be not prayed in such case on the part of the State by the State's Attorney. If after a trial before the Police Justice either party shall feel aggrieved by his judgment, there shall be a right of appeal within ten days to the Circuit Court of Prince George's County provided the alleged offense was committed in Prince George's County, or said Police Justice has jurisdiction in the premises; and in all cases where a jury trial is prayed for the State, or the accused elected to be tried by a jury, or appealed from the judgment of said Police Justice, he shall take from the accused his recognizance with sufficient security conditioned for his personal appearance to answer said charge at the then session (if there be a session) of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, or at the next session of the said Court, if it not be then in session; and in default of the accused entering in such recognizance, the Justice shall commit him to jail for his appearance at said Court to answer such charge, and shall at once return the recognizance, if there be one, and all papers and proceedings in said case, including a copy of his judgment (in appeal cases), together with the name and residence of the witnesses for the prosecution to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, who shall place such case on the appeal docket of said Court and issue subpoenas for the witnesses named by the Justice only upon the written order of the State's Attorney, and the case shall then be tried in said Court de novo on the information or warrant. When an appeal shall be taken by the accused after the execution of sentence has begun, by confinement in jail or the Maryland House of Correction, the said Justice, on sufficient surety be-