

558. In addition to the Justices of the Peace hereinbefore provided for in this Article, there shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, and if the Senate shall not be in session, by the Governor, from Washington County at large, an additional Justice of the Peace, to be also known as the Magistrate for Juvenile Cases, whose term of office shall begin on the first Monday of May, 1924, and who shall thereafter be appointed in conformity with the Constitution of this State, and who shall be a member of the Bar of the Circuit Court for Washington County, and who shall not by reason of such appointment be debarred from practicing law in any of the Courts of this State, who shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly, two-thirds by the County Commissioners of Washington County, and the other one-third by the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, and the jurisdictions and powers of such Justices shall be as follows:

(1) He shall possess the general powers of a Justice of the Peace, and also the powers of a Police Justice of Hagerstown, as the same are now or may hereafter be defined by law.

(2) He shall have full power and jurisdiction over and with respect to all delinquent, neglected and dependent minors under the age of sixteen years, and of any and all persons causing, encouraging or contributing towards the delinquency, neglect or dependency of any such minor.

(3) He shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all cases of trial or commitment for trial or commitment to any Juvenile Institution of any minor under sixteen years of age, and shall have plenary jurisdiction to hear, 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 one thousand 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, 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,