

**CHAP. 137.** Section 265 c. The justices of the peace appointed for the  
**Office hours.** districts constituting Hagerstown and vicinity shall each attend at his office in Hagerstown every day (Sunday excepted) at least from the hour of 9 o'clock A. M. until the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, and from the hour of 2 o'clock P. M. until the hour of 4 o'clock P. M. And when notified by the State's Attorney of Washington county or any officer of the peace of said county, or by any police officer of Hagerstown, of any criminal matter requiring prompt attention, the said justices of the peace shall attend at their respective offices at such other hours on every day or at night (Sunday and legal holidays included) as the public interest may require; and neither of said justices of the peace shall absent himself from Hagerstown without having first arranged with the other of said justices that he will be in attendance at his office as required by law during such absence; nor shall either of said justices be absent from Hagerstown for more than three days consecutively at any time without the written authority of the State's Attorney of Washington county and of the Mayor of Hagerstown.

**Criminal jurisdiction.**  
**When**  
**warrant shall**  
**be issued.**

Section 265 d. The justices of the peace in and for districts 3, 17, 21, 22, 24 and 25 shall have criminal jurisdiction of offenses committed in any of the districts of said county, cognizable by justice of the peace under the law, where complaint is made before him, but no warrant of arrest shall be issued by said justices of the peace except upon the oath or affirmation of the person making complaint that an offense has been committed, and upon being satisfied, upon examination of such person making complaint under oath, of the probable truth of such charge.

**Report**  
**to be made.**

Section 265 f. The justice of the peace in and for districts 3, 17, 21, 22, 24 and 25 shall at the first regular meeting of the County Commissioners held in each month make a report in writing, verified under oath made before the clerk of said commissioners, of all criminal cases heard or tried before them during the preceding month, which report shall state in each case the name of the defendant, the offense charged, the name of the person upon whose complaint the warrant was issued, the number of witnesses summoned, the name of the officer serving the warrant and summons, the judgment rendered, the amount of the fine or penalty imposed, the amount of costs taxed, and the amount of the fine, penalty and costs collected by them; and all such fines, penalties and costs, including constables' fees, which the said justices are hereby required to collect, shall at the time of their making said reports be paid to the order of said County Commissioners.