

CHAP. 197.

Only four justices of the peace to be appointed.

Section 179 A. That on and after the expiration of the respective terms of office of the aforesaid six justices of the peace, appointed by the Governor of the State at the Session of the Legislature of 1902, there shall be appointed by the Governor at the Session of the Legislature of 1904, and biennially thereafter according to law, only four justices of the peace for said six districts, who shall be justices of the peace at large for said election districts numbers four, five, six, fourteen, twenty-two and twenty-three in lieu of the six justices provided for in section 179 of this Act, each of which four justices of the peace shall be entitled to receive a monthly salary of sixty dollars, payable monthly, in lieu of all criminal fees, as provided in the foregoing section, and each of said four justices of the peace shall be required to make the monthly report in said preceding section required; provided, that no justice of the peace appointed under this Act shall be entitled to receive said monthly salary unless he shall make the monthly report under oath as above required, and shall maintain an office for the transaction of such business as may be brought before him, and keep the same open to the public.

Consolidate warrants.

Section 179 B. It shall be the duty of each justice of the peace appointed under this Act, in order to avoid the unnecessary multiplication of costs against the county or offenders in criminal cases, when a complaint discloses more than one misdemeanor to have been committed by the person or persons complained against, to consolidate or join in the warrant to be issued as many districts charges against said person or persons as there may be misdemeanors complained of; provided, that the justice of the peace shall deem it consistent with justice so to do, and upon the application of the defendant or defendants if the justice shall deem it necessary. He shall grant a severance of the charges and a separate trial as to each, but no additional warrant shall be required therefor, and it shall be the duty of the said justice of the peace once every month to make out a statement of the fees owing by the County Commissioners to any constable for legal services performed by such constable or constables in the prosecution of offenders before said justices during the preceding month, which have not been paid them by the parties convicted, as required by law, and to state what fines and costs such constable stand chargeable with, but no constable shall be entitled to appropriate any such fines or costs (to wit, the costs payable as fees to the justice of the peace by offenders, but by this Act required to be paid over to the county instead of to the justice as hitherto) to the payment of any account he may hold against said county or to any other purpose whatsoever,

Statement to be made out.