

five of the Code of Public General Laws, to secure and compel the attendance and testimony of said witnesses before the State's Attorney; and all witnesses so summoned and appearing and taking the oath provided in the fifth section of this act, shall receive the same compensation allowed to witnesses summoned and attending before the grand inquest for said county.

**To investi-
gate cases.**

**Dismissal of
case.**

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the State's Attorney shall investigate with all reasonable dispatch and thoroughness all cases which may be referred to him under this act, and in all cases which in his judgment should not proceed to trial, he shall promptly file in said court an order dismissing such case referred to him as aforesaid, with a statement in writing of his reasons therefor, with all papers and documents relating to said case in his possession; and such dismissal of a case so referred to him shall be a final and conclusive termination of the same; but the court may for sufficient reasons, shown in a reasonable time, strike out the said order of dismissal of a case made by the State's attorney, and refer said case to the grand jury.

**Pleading and
practice.**

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the same pleading and practice and all provisions of law now applicable to indictments, and governing of trial of issues thereon, shall be applicable so far as practicable to information filed under this act by the State's attorney.

**Oath of
witnesses.**

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the clerk of said court shall administer to every witness, prior to his or her appearing before the State's attorney, the following oath, viz: "The evidence which you shall give before the State's attorney for Anne Arundel county in the matter depending before him, shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God." And all wilful and corrupt false swearing by any witness, in any material point of inquiry before said State's attorney, in any case referred to him under this act, shall be deemed perjury. And any person convicted of such wilful and corrupt false swearing shall suffer the penalty now provided by law to be imposed upon persons convicted of the crimes of perjury.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That in all criminal cases brought before a justice of the peace having jurisdiction to try the