

duly authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds or mortgages under the laws of the State of Maryland, that he does not believe such defendant can have a fair and impartial trial in any civil or criminal case pending before any justice of the peace of Prince George's County in which such defendant is a party, shall have the right at any time before trial upon making said written suggestion and oath as aforesaid to have such pending case removed before a justice of the peace in an election district adjoining the district in which the said case was instituted. The justice before whom such case was instituted shall upon payment of his costs accrued to the date of removal in civil cases designate a justice of the peace in an adjoining election district as aforesaid and forthwith transfer all the papers and a record of his proceedings in the case to said justice to whom such case shall be removed, and the justice to whom such case shall be removed, shall forthwith set the case for trial at a time not less than six nor more than fourteen days from the date of the receipt of the papers and shall issue such summons as may be necessary; and shall at once notify the plaintiff and defendant, or their respective attorneys, of the time so set for trial, and shall take such further action in the case as if the same had been originally instituted before him; but where any defendant in any criminal case pending before a justice of the peace in Prince George's County, State of Maryland, makes oath as above set forth in this Section, he shall not be required to pay to said justice of the peace the costs accrued to date before said case shall be removed to an adjoining district and before another justice of the peace for trial, but upon his having made the oath as above required, the justice of the peace shall forthwith send his case to another justice in an adjoining district, and said justice to whom said defendant's case is removed, shall fix such reasonable time for the trial of the defendant, as the nature of his offense requires, and that law and justice demands. Provided that in any case instituted before a justice of the peace in Laurel District of said County, the removal hereinbefore provided for may be made to another justice of the peace in said Laurel District or to an adjoining district, at the discretion of the party or parties making said affidavit or removal.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 30th, 1914.