

tiff or defendant shall have the right of removal to said Police Justice by making affidavit in the usual form and before hearing begun, that a fair and impartial trial of said case cannot be had before the Justice of the Peace where said civil action was instituted. And provided, further that where town ordinance of any incorporated town in Calvert County, jurisdiction is conferred upon a Justice of the Peace to hear and determine any violation of said ordinance or ordinances, or where said Justice of the Peace other than the Police Justice shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine any criminal violation of town ordinance or ordinances, in either event, the parties litigant, plaintiff or defendant in case of criminal violation of said ordinance or ordinances shall have the right of removal to the Police Justice by making the affidavit as herein provided.

174G. On and after the passage of this Act the several Justices of the Peace of Calvert County shall be divested of and shall no longer have and possess any criminal jurisdiction to try, hear and determine any criminal case whatsoever, except as in this Act provided; and provided, further, that the several Justices of the Peace shall have the same power and authority to issue warrants, summons, process and take recognizance in any and all criminal cases as are now allowed by law, but all the same shall be made returnable before the Police Justice, except as in this Act provided with reference to violation of town ordinances, and except in violation of the Motor Vehicle Laws as herein provided, and except further in cases of felony, if bailable, wherein the several Justices of the Peace of said County may take recognizance as now authorized by law, they may conduct an ex parte hearing, and if there be a reasonable presumption of guilt, may commit the accused to jail in default of the surety required to be furnished, and if a felony and not bailable, the several Justices of the Peace shall have jurisdiction to conduct a preliminary hearing, and if the facts warrant the accused being held, they may commit the accused to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury, in which case they shall be allowed such fees, and shall charge such fees for constables other than Constables at Large as are now allowed by law. But nothing in this Act shall divest the several Justices of the Peace in Calvert County of their right as now allowed by law to act as coroners and to do in this regard as they are now allowed by law.