

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 558, 570, 575 and 576 of Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Washington County", sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables", sub-heading "Juvenile Court", Section 558 having been amended by Chapter 432 of the Acts of 1937, be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

558. In addition to the Justices of the Peace hereinbefore provided for in this Article, there shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the consent of the Senate, and if the Senate shall not be in session, by the Governor, from Washington County at large, an additional Justice of the Peace, to be also known as the Magistrate for Juvenile cases, whose term of office shall begin on the first Monday of May, 1924, and who shall thereafter be appointed in conformity with the Constitution of this State, and who shall be a member of the Bar of the Circuit Court for Washington County, and who shall not by reason of such appointment be debarred from practicing law in any of the Courts of this State, who shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, payable monthly, two-thirds by the County Commissioners of Washington County, and the other one-third by the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown, and the jurisdiction and powers of such Justice shall be as follows:

(1) He shall possess the general powers of a Justice of the Peace, and also the powers of a Police Justice of Hagerstown, as the same are now or may hereafter be defined by law, except that he shall not have the power or jurisdiction to try, hear or determine civil actions or cases for violations of the criminal laws of the State and/or county or for violations of the ordinances of the City of Hagerstown, except as hereinafter provided:

(2) He shall have exclusive jurisdiction, as among the several Magistrates of Washington County, over and with respect to bastardy cases and cases arising under Sections 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, and 93 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1924 Edition) and amendments thereto.

(3) He shall have exclusive jurisdiction, as among the several magistrates of Washington County, over and with respect to all delinquent, neglected and dependent minors under the age of sixteen years, and of any and all persons causing, encouraging or contributing towards the delinquency, neglect or dependency of any such minor.

(4) He shall have exclusive jurisdiction in all cases of trial or commitment for trial or commitment to any Juvenile Institution of any minor under sixteen years of age,