

and to follow immediately after Section 547 of said Code; providing for the establishment of a Magistrate's Court for Juvenile Causes in Montgomery County, defining its powers and duties, and relating generally to the jurisdiction over, care and handling of certain juvenile offenders in Montgomery County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That 19 new sections be added to the Code of Montgomery County (1939 Edition, being Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Montgomery County", subtitle "Justices of the Peace and Constables", said new sections to be known as Sections 547A to 547S, inclusive, to be under the new sub-heading "Magistrate for Juvenile Causes", and to follow immediately after Section 547 of said Code, and to read as follows:*

MAGISTRATE FOR JUVENILE CAUSES.

547A. There shall be established in Montgomery County, a Magistrate Court, to be known as "The Magistrate Court for Montgomery County for Juvenile Causes."

547B. In addition to the Justices of the Peace already authorized by law, there shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and if the Senate shall not be in session, by the Governor, from Montgomery County in the State of Maryland, an additional justice of the peace for Montgomery County to be known as the Magistrate for Juvenile Causes for Montgomery County, who shall be at least thirty years of age, a member of the Bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland who has engaged in the practice of law for at least five years next preceding his appointment, who shall have resided in Montgomery County for at least five years next preceding his appointment and who shall be selected from a list approved by the Board of County Commissioners, Montgomery County, Maryland, who shall have a knowledge of Child Psychology, and who shall receive such salary as the Board of County Commissioners shall designate, which salary, however, shall not be less than \$2,400.00 per annum. The Magistrate shall sit at such times as may be necessary for the proper discharge of his duties, at such places as may be provided by the County Commissioners for Montgomery County.

547C. The purpose of this sub-heading is to secure for each child under its jurisdiction such care and guidance, preferably in his own home, as will serve the child's welfare and the best interest of the state; to conserve and strengthen the child's family ties whenever possible, removing him from the custody