

CHAPTER 633

(House Bill 695)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 96 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", relating to the distribution of fines and costs in the Trial Magistrates' Courts of Dorchester County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 96 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1947 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, to read as follows:

96. (Costs.) (a) All Justices of the Peace shall charge the fees and costs authorized by law to be imposed in civil and criminal cases, but all such fees and costs, and all fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed and collected by Trial Magistrates, shall be paid to the County Commissioners of their respective counties, except fines, penalties, forfeitures and costs for violations of the Motor Vehicle Laws, which shall be promptly remitted to the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles, as now provided by law.

(b) All such fines, forfeitures, and penalties and costs so remitted to the County Commissioners shall be retained and used for county purposes, unless a different disposition is expressly directed by statute; provided, however, that in Frederick County, the County Commissioners shall within a reasonable time, pay to the several incorporated municipalities of said counties 50% of all fines, penalties and forfeitures received by them arising from the violation of the ordinances of any of the said incorporated municipalities.

(c) In Washington, Worcester, Prince George's, St. Mary's, Montgomery, Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert and Carroll Counties the County Commissioners shall, within a reasonable time, pay to the several incorporated municipalities of said counties all fines penalties and forfeitures received by them arising from the violation of the ordinances of any of the said incorporated municipalities; it being the intention that, although the fines, penalties and forfeitures received by the County Commissioners are to be remitted to the municipalities in the proportions named, the costs or fees imposed and collected by said Trial Magistrates and remitted to the County Commissioners, are to be retained by said County Commissioners.