

CHAPTER 208

(Senate Bill 115)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 721 and 732 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," to change the sub-title to "Justices of the Peace," and eliminating the references in said sections to the People's Court.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 721 and 732 of Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1938 Edition), title "Baltimore City," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Justices of the Peace

721. The said Justices of the Peace, when called out of their offices for the purpose of taking acknowledgments and affidavits, may receive such compensation for their services, in addition to the fees prescribed by law, as the party requiring their services may allow them.

732. The said several Justices of the Peace, assigned to the station-houses in Baltimore City, shall have the right to preserve order and decorum when sitting at the said station-houses in the discharge of their duties as such Police Justices and shall have the right to punish any breach of order or decorum committed in their presence by a fine not exceeding \$10.00, to be collected as other fines are collected, and in default of the payment of said fine imposed by the said several Justices of the Peace assigned to the station-houses in Baltimore City the said Justice shall have the power to commit the person on whom said fine is imposed to the Baltimore City Jail for a period not exceeding one day for each one dollar of fine so imposed. Provided, that in all cases where fine is imposed under this section the party on whom the said fine is imposed, if he feels aggrieved thereby, may within three days (exclusive of the date of the imposition of said fine) appeal to the Criminal Court of Baltimore from the action of the said Police Justice in such case; and pending the hearing of said appeal, shall give surety for his appearance in the Criminal Court of Baltimore in a sum to be fixed by the