

the Central Police Station who shall take jurisdiction of the case and dispose of such case promptly.

(c) All females and children under sixteen years of age arrested upon any criminal charge, whether under the laws of Maryland or of the City of Baltimore, shall be taken before the Justice of the Peace sitting in a station-house designated by the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City as the "Women's and Children's Court" who shall take jurisdiction of the case and dispose of such case promptly; provided, however, that in cases where a female or a child under sixteen years of age is jointly charged with a male over sixteen years of age, the preliminary hearing or trial, as the case may be, shall be held before the Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction over the case against the male over sixteen years of age. The Police Commissioner may, in his discretion, designate one or more station-houses as a Women's and Children's Court".

(D) ALL CHILDREN UNDER SIXTEEN YEARS OF AGE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AS DELINQUENT CHILDREN AND NOT RELEASED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 246 OF THE CHARTER AND PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF BALTIMORE CITY (1949 EDITION), SHALL BE TAKEN TO A STATION-HOUSE DESIGNATED BY THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE CITY AS THE "WOMEN'S COURT" AND THERE BE DETAINED IN A ROOM OR QUARTERS SEPARATE FROM ADULT OFFENDERS PENDING THE DELIVERY OF SUCH CHILDREN TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY, DIVISION FOR JUVENILE CAUSES, FOR HEARING.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 565 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Ed.), title "Miscellaneous Local Laws", sub-title "Police Commissioner", heading "Miscellaneous", be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all of the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 20, 1951.