

tion), being Article 17 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Prince George's County", said new section to be known as Section 1287A, to be under the sub-title "State's Attorney", to follow immediately after Section 1287 of said Article, and to read as follows:

*State's Attorney*

1287A. (a) *All the offenses committed within the limits of Prince George's County, except treason, misprision of treason, arson, burglary, larceny, manslaughter, mayhem, murder, rape, robbery, sodomy and all other felonies may be prosecuted, upon order of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County on information, on behalf of the State, filed by the State's Attorney for said county in said county.*

(b) *The Clerk of said court shall, upon order of the State's Attorney for said county, issue summons for witnesses to appear at the time and place to be designated in said order, and the said court shall have the same power as provided by Sections 12 and 14 of Article 35 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition) to secure and compel the attendance and testimony of said witnesses, and all witnesses so summoned and appearing and taking the oath hereinafter provided shall receive the same compensation allowed to witnesses summoned and attending before the grand inquest for said county.*

(c) *The State's Attorney shall investigate with all reasonable dispatch and thoroughness all cases which may be referred to him under this section and in all cases which, in his judgment, should not proceed to trial shall promptly file in said court an order dismissing any such case referred to him as aforesaid, with a statement in writing of his reasons therefor, and shall return to said court all papers and documents relating to said case in his possession, and such dismissal of a case so referred to him shall be a final and conclusive termination of the same; but the court may, for sufficient reason shown in a reasonable time, strike out the said order and dismissal of a case made by the State's Attorney and refer said case to the grand jury.*

(d) *The same pleading and practice and all provisions of law now applicable to indictments and governing the trial of issues thereon shall be applicable, so far as practicable, to information filed under this Act by the State's Attorney.*

(e) *The clerk of said court shall administer to every witness, prior to his or her appearing before the State's Attorney, the following oath, viz: "The evidence which you shall give before the State's Attorney for Prince George's County in the matter depending before him shall be the truth, the whole truth and*