

offence then charged, and he shall docket a case in the name of the State against each person in the custody of the said officers, and immediately have summoned before him the witness or witnesses in the case or cases, and shall examine the said witness or witnesses on oath, and any white person or persons who aided the said officer in making the arrest and seizure shall be a competent witness against the parties charged; and the said justice shall enquire fully into the alleged offence, of which finding sink boats, sneak boats or floats on board of the said boat or craft employed as aforesaid or in the possession or use of the person or persons charged with offending against this law, shall be considered as prima facie evidence of guilt, and after a full investigation of the case or cases, if the justice shall think the charge groundless, he shall immediately dismiss the same, at the cost of the county; but if he shall be of opinion that any wild ducks or other wild fowl have been shot at or killed in violation of this law, he shall impose fines of not less than five dollars nor more than fifty dollars on each and every person engaged directly or indirectly therein for each and every offence, and he may commit him or them to the county jail, in the event of their not paying the fines thus imposed, if the officers making the arrest and seizure desire it, and if committed the officer who desired the commitment shall pay the jail fees, at the rate of twenty-five cents per day; and in case of a failure to pay the said fees for the space of three consecutive days, the party whose jail fees have thus remained unpaid shall be discharged from confinement, and he shall adjudge and condemn as forfeited to the said officer and to the person or persons who may have aided him in making the arrest and seizure, the boat or craft in the possession of the officers, together with her papers, furniture, tackle and apparel, and all things on board of her at the time of her seizure, and all or any property in the possession of the said officer, found seized and taken as aforesaid; and the said officer, with the persons who aided him in making the arrest and seizure, shall sell the same to the highest bidder, after ten days notice.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any person or persons convicted of offending against this act, shall think himself or themselves aggrieved by such conviction, he or they shall be at liberty to appeal from the judgment of the justice of the peace at any time within ten days from the rendition thereof to the circuit court of Anne Arundel county, the judge of which is hereby empowered and directed, upon the petition of the applicant or applicants, in a summary way and without

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