

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 92A and 92B of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", as said sections were enacted by Chapter 151 (H. B. 289) of the Acts of 1955, be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

92A. (Montgomery County.) (a). As of **[May 1]** *June 15, 1955*, the County Council for Montgomery County shall appoint three Judges of the People's Court of Montgomery County who shall meet the qualifications provided in this Article and who shall serve until the first day of May in the year 1963 or until their successors are appointed and qualified. As of the first day of May, 1963, and as of the first day of May in every eighth year thereafter, the County Council of Montgomery County shall appoint three Judges of the People's Court of Montgomery County to fill the positions then expiring. One of such judges shall be designated as the People's Court Judge for Juvenile Causes.

(b) No person shall be qualified to hold the office of Judge of the People's Court of Montgomery County unless he possesses the following qualifications:

(1) He is at least thirty (30) years of age, and

(2) A member of the Bar of the State of Maryland and an active practitioner in Maryland for at least five (5) years, and

(3) A resident of Montgomery County continuously for at least five (5) years.

(c) Whenever a vacancy shall occur on said Court from any cause, the County Council of Montgomery County shall appoint a qualified person who shall hold office as Judge for the balance of the unexpired term to which he has been appointed or until his successor shall be appointed and qualifies.

(d) As of **[May 1]** *June 15, 1955*, the County Council of Montgomery County shall appoint a substitute Judge of the People's Court for Montgomery County. Such appointee shall serve as such until the first day of May in the year 1958, or until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Thereafter, as of May 1 every four years the County Council of Montgomery County shall appoint a substitute Judge of the People's Court to fill the term then expiring, which appointee shall serve for four years dating from May 1 of the year of appointment or until his successor is appointed and qualifies. The provisions of Sub-section (b) of this Section, prescribing qualifications for the Judges of said Court, shall apply to any person appointed as substitute Judge. The substitute Judge shall be paid and have such duties as hereinafter provided.

(e) The three full-time judges of the People's Court of Montgomery County shall not engage in the private practice of law during their terms of office, and the Substitute Judge shall not practice before the People's Court during his term of office.

92B. The Judges of the People's Court of Montgomery County, except the People's Court Judge for Juvenile Causes, shall have all