

the authority, powers, civil, criminal and juvenile jurisdiction, in the whole of said County, heretofore vested in the Justices of the Peace and Trial Magistrates of said County, and they shall further have the power to suspend sentence and/or costs in any case within their jurisdiction [either before or at any time] *within ten days* after judgment has been pronounced. The laws which heretofore have specified the fees chargeable by Trial Magistrates and Justices of the Peace in Montgomery County and also the laws previously concerning the right of appeal from Trial Magistrates and Justices of the Peace in Montgomery County shall continue in all respects to be effective as to the People's Court of Montgomery County herein created.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved March 29, 1955.

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## CHAPTER 175

(Senate Bill 55)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 448 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition), title "Miscellaneous Local Laws", sub-title "People's Court", authorizing the Chief Constable of the People's Court to destroy all original papers in Landlord and Tenant cases after one year from the date of filing, upon order of the Judge of the People's Court.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 448 of the Charter and Public Local Laws of Baltimore City (1949 Edition), title "Miscellaneous Local Laws", sub-title "People's Court", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

448. The dockets, records and papers of said Court shall be retained in the custody of the Chief Constable of the People's Court.

The dockets, records and papers of former Justices of the Peace of the People's Court shall be retained in the custody of the Chief Constable of the People's Court. Said Chief Constable is hereby authorized to destroy all original papers in his possession as such Chief Constable upon order of the Judges of the People's Court, as follows:

(a) Papers in cases brought under Sections 455 to [461] 462 of this Article and any amendments thereto may not be destroyed until at least [three years] *one year* shall have elapsed from the date of filing.

(b) The original papers in all other cases shall not be destroyed until the lapse of at least 13 years from the date of filing.

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EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.