

Edition) and to hear, try and determine all prosecutions or criminal proceedings for an act done or omitted to be done in the City of Baltimore, the doing of which act, or the omission to do which act, is or may be punishable under any Act of Assembly of this State or under any ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, by pecuniary fine only, not exceeding One Hundred Dollars; to hear, try and determine the cases of all persons brought before him charged with the violation of laws relating to hawkers and peddlers, and to hear, try and determine the cases of all persons brought before him charged with the offense of indecent exposure; to hear, try and determine the cases of all persons brought before him for Sunday gaming, Sunday work, Sunday sales or Sabbath-breaking; and to hear, try and determine the cases of all persons brought before him charged with being a vagrant or with being an habitually disorderly person (not insane). But it shall be the duty of the said justice before proceeding to hear, try and determine any of the charges aforesaid, to inform the party or parties charged therewith of his or their respective right to a jury trial; and if a jury trial be prayed by the party or parties charged, or if the State's Attorney for said city shall before trial for the alleged offense pray a jury trial on the part of the State, the justice shall forthwith commit or hold the said party or parties to bail for trial in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, and endorse on the commitment or recognizance the fact of a jury trial having been prayed. It is hereby expressly provided that the said justice shall not have power to try and determine any violation of the Public General Laws of this State relating to licenses (except violations of laws relating to hawkers and peddlers heretofore mentioned), and shall not have power to try and determine any violation of Section 682 of this Article, but shall cause all such offenders against the Public General or Local Laws to be committed or held to bail for trial in the Criminal Court of Baltimore. Nothing herein contained shall apply to or affect the jurisdiction conferred upon Police Justices of Baltimore City by Section 140-P of Chapter 207 of the Acts of Assembly of the year 1910, codified as Section 157 of Article 56 of the Annotated Code of Public Civil Laws of the year 1912, but the jurisdiction conferred by said last-mentioned section shall be the same as before the passage of said Chapter 777 of the Acts of Assembly of the year 1912.

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

Approved April 11, 1955.

CHAPTER 297

(Senate Bill 405)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 75 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Pleading, Practice and Process

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.