

27. Whenever it appears that the trial of a *criminal case* [an action, either civil or criminal], triable by a jury is likely to be a protracted one, the court may, upon the request of either party or upon its own motion, direct the calling of one or two additional jurors, to be known as "Alternate Jurors". Such jurors must be drawn from the same source, and in the same manner, and have the same qualifications as the jurors already sworn, and be subjected to the same examinations and challenges. Such alternate jurors shall be seated with the jurors with equal power and facilities for seeing and hearing the proceedings in the case, and shall take the same oath as the jurors already selected, and must attend at all times upon the trial of the cause in company with the other jurors; and for a failure so to do are liable to be punished for contempt. They shall obey the orders of and be bound by the admonition of the court upon each adjournment of the court; and except, as hereinafter provided, shall be discharged upon the final submission of the case to the jury. If before the final submission of the case, a juror die, or become ill, or for any other reason he be unable to perform his duty, the court may order him to be discharged and *draw* [drawn] the name of an alternate, so qualified as hereinbefore set forth, who shall then take the seat of the discharged juror in the jury box, and be subject to the same rules and regulations as though he had been selected as one of the original jurors.

SEC. 28. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 14 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Criminal Jurisdiction", and Section 38 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Process and Practice", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

14. All appeals from judgments of Trial Magistrates taken in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 shall be heard and tried de novo notwithstanding that the person accused pleaded guilty before said Trial Magistrate. [Except in cases of appeal from the judgment of the Trial Magistrate, the accused shall be entitled to an appeal to the Court of Appeals from the judgment of the Circuit Court.]

38. No special pleading shall be required in any action before a Justice of the Peace. *Any of the proceedings, including the writ of summons, may be amended so that such case may be tried on its real merits and the purposes of justice subserved; writs may be amended from one form of action to another when the ends of justice require it; and any amendment may be made at any time before judgment is entered.*

SEC. 29. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 7 of Article 58A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Loans—Petty", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

7. The decision of the Administrator of Loan Laws in refusing to issue, revoking or suspending any license shall be subject to appeal to the Circuit Court of any county, or any law Court of Baltimore City, in which the licensee resides or is doing business or in which