

Section 55. Punishment of persons found guilty under Section 53; waiver of jurisdiction.

Any adult or other person [over the age of 18 years] *18 years of age or over* over whom the judge may have jurisdiction under Section 53, if found guilty of any act or omission as therein defined, shall be punishable *by the juvenile court, or by the criminal court in the event of a waiver of jurisdiction or a demand for trial according to the usual criminal procedure as hereinafter provided*, by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisonment not exceeding two (2) years, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Upon any such conviction, the judge shall have power to impose sentence as aforesaid, or may suspend sentence and place such adult or other person on probation and by order impose upon such adult or other person during such period of probation such duty as shall be deemed for the best interest of the child or other person concerned. In any such case, such adult or other person shall be tried before the judge without a jury unless such adult or other person shall [elect to have the case tried before a jury] *demand trial according to the usual criminal procedure*. The judge may, however, in his discretion waive jurisdiction, so that such adult or other person may be otherwise dealt with according to [law] *the usual criminal procedure*. If such adult or other person demands trial according to the usual criminal procedure, the judge shall waive jurisdiction and the case of such adult or other person shall thereupon be dealt with according to the usual criminal procedure. *In the event an adult or other person is tried by the criminal court for an act or omission as defined in Section 53, he shall be entitled to a trial by jury pursuant to the usual criminal procedure.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 241 and 243 of the Code of Public Local Laws and Charter of Baltimore City (1949 Edition, being Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Courts", sub-title "Juvenile Causes", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

241. Except as otherwise provided herein the Judge shall have (a) original, exclusive jurisdiction concerning any child who is dependent, delinquent, neglected or feeble-minded; (b) original [exclusive] jurisdiction, *unless waived as hereinafter provided*, to try [subject to the right of trial by jury] any parent, guardian or other adult for any wilful act or omission bringing a child within the jurisdiction of the Court, *subject to such respondent's right to trial upon such charge in the criminal court according to the usual criminal procedure. [unless waived as hereinafter provided.]* Nothing herein contained shall deprive other courts of the right to determine the custody of children upon writs of habeas corpus or to determine the custody or guardianship of children when such custody of guardianship is incidental to the determination of cases pending in such other courts.

243. Any adult over whom the judge may have jurisdiction under Section 241, if found guilty of any act or omission as therein defined, shall be punishable *by the juvenile court, or by the criminal court in the event of a waiver of jurisdiction or a demand for trial according to the usual criminal procedure as hereinafter provided*, by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned