

CHAPTER 45

(House Bill 17)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 31 and 114 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace," sub-titles "Docket" and "Trial Magistrates System," relating to the retention and ~~destruction~~ DISPOSAL of the dockets and other papers of justices of the peace, and justices of the peace designated as trial magistrates in this State, and relating generally thereto.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Sections 31 and 114 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-titles "Docket" and "Trial Magistrates System," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

31. The clerks to whom such dockets and papers are delivered shall keep the same as other records and shall deliver transcripts from the dockets or papers so returned to any person applying for the same, *except that papers which have been in the custody of the Clerks for a period of three years or longer may be ~~destroyed~~ DISPOSED OF in accordance with the provisions of Sections 177, 178 and 180 of Article 41 of this Code, title "Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments", and the clerks shall be relieved of the responsibility of delivering transcripts of such papers after they have been ~~destroyed~~ DISPOSED OF as authorized above. The dockets of justices of the peace shall be retained permanently.*

114. The dockets of said magistrates, which they shall have with them at all of their sessions, shall conform as nearly as practicable to those used for civil and criminal cases in the circuit courts of the State, except that in cases under the motor vehicles law they shall be dockets and report forms furnished them by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. *All dockets and papers of trial magistrates shall be delivered by them to the clerks of courts as provided for in Sections 29 and 30 of this Article and shall be retained and disposed of by the said clerks according to the provisions of Section 31 of this Article.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1959.

Approved February 16, 1959.

CHAPTER 46

(House Bill 22)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 8 of Article 51 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition),

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.