

transmitting of Justice of the Peace dockets, successor Justices of the Peace, and relating generally to Justices of the Peace in Frederick County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 29 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Docket", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

29. (a) Whenever a justice of the peace shall vacate his office by resignation, removal from office, or the expiration of his official term, he shall deliver his docket, together with all the notes, bonds, accounts and papers in his possession appertaining to judgments or whereupon suits have been entered, to the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which such justice resides, or to the clerk of the Baltimore City Court, in case such justice resides within the City of Baltimore, within thirty days after such resignation, removal from office, or expiration of official term; and any justice of the peace who shall fail to deliver his docket, as aforesaid (in case the said docket shall not have been unavoidably lost or destroyed), shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine of two hundred dollars or to six months imprisonment in the jail of the county or city, at the discretion of the court.

(b) *Provided however that in the City of Frederick the records of the Justice of the Peace shall be kept by the Clerk of the Justice's Court and not transmitted as hereinbefore provided. Any successor Justice of the Peace may hear and decide cases instituted prior to his succession to office. Provided further that any papers held by the Clerk in Frederick City for a period of three years or longer may be destroyed as provided in Sections 177, 178 and 180 of Article 41 of this Code and the Clerks shall be relieved of the responsibility of delivering transcripts of the same as hereinafter provided.*

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

Approved April 8, 1959.

CHAPTER 417

(Senate Bill 527)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 64(a) of Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Alcoholic Beverages", sub-title "Procedure for Issue of Licenses", to permit a refund of alcoholic beverage license fees where the licensed premises are taken for public use.

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.