

CHAPTER 583

(Senate Bill 87)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments, Sections 97, 110 and 111 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", fixing a maximum number of Committing Magistrates for Harford County, providing for their compensation, and relating generally to trial magistrates in Harford County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 97, 110 and 111 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

97. Appointment and Removal. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint for each County in the State one or more justices of the peace to be known as "committing magistrates", and such number of justices of the peace at large in the several counties, to be designated "trial magistrates", as is hereinafter specified in Section 108; and in Prince George's County, in addition to the foregoing, seven justices of the peace, at large, who shall be committing magistrates and shall have all the powers and jurisdiction in the whole of said county, vested by law in justices of the peace other than trial magistrates and substitute trial magistrates.

Any trial magistrate or substitute trial magistrate appointed pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title, may be removed as such trial magistrates at any time by the Governor. Provided, however, that in any such event, the trial magistrate who has received notice of his removal shall be entitled to a hearing before the Governor within fifteen (15) days after such notice if such trial magistrate so requests in writing within five (5) days after such notice.

In Harford County the Governor shall appoint no more than ~~fifteen~~ EIGHTEEN "Committing Magistrates" selected judiciously to serve the entire county with a due regard for population and geography.

110. Compensation of other Justices. Justices of the Peace other than trial magistrates shall be paid by the County Commissioners, as full compensation for their official acts and services in civil and criminal cases, the sum of \$20.00 annually, but in Kent, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties shall receive annually the sum of \$50.00 and in Washington County they shall receive the sum of \$100.00 annually and in Howard [County] and Harford Counties they shall receive the sum of \$200.00 annually; but they may retain all fees lawfully charged by them for taking acknowledgments or affidavits unrelated to their civil or criminal jurisdiction.

111. Minimum Salaries Only. All salaries herein provided shall be considered minimum salaries and may be increased at any time by the county commissioners from county funds; and the county

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.