mediately after Section 277 (m) thereof, to authorize the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County to increase the rate of the recordation tax applicable therein.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Section 277 (n) be and it is hereby added to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1960 Supplement), title "Revenue and Taxes," sub-title "Recordation Tax," to follow immediately after Section 277 (m) thereof, and to read as follows:

277.

(n) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County in lieu of the rate of tax provided in sub-section (b) above, are authorized by resolution to adopt a rate of tax as follows: In the case of instruments conveying title to property, the tax shall be at the rate of \$1.10 for each \$500.00 or fractional part thereof of the actual consideration paid or to be paid; and in the case of instruments securing a debt, the tax shall be at the rate of \$1.10 for each \$500.00 of the principal amount of the debt secured. Immediately upon taking any such action, the County Commissioners of Queen Anne's County shall certify such action to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Queen Anne's County and to the State Comptroller.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved May 3, 1961.

## CHAPTER 797

## (House Bill 890)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 108 (7) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", to raise the salary of a trial magistrate in Cecil County, to provide an additional magistrate and to impose certain qualifications and restrictions on trial magistrates in the county.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 108 (7) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

108.

(7) There shall be [six] seven trial magistrates, one of whom

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.