

county commissioners of such county shall thereafter have no jurisdiction to hear or determine tax appeals, or to assess, classify, reassess or reclassify property for purposes of taxation; but all such powers and duties shall be vested in the appeal tax court, subject to a right of appeal to the Maryland Tax Court, as provided in the case of assessments by the county commissioners. Nothing in this sub-title shall affect the powers and duties of the board of municipal and zoning appeals in Baltimore City, as prescribed by local law and ordinance. [The provisions of this sub-title shall apply only in Baltimore and Montgomery counties.]

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

Approved April 24, 1961.

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## CHAPTER 305

(Senate Bill 521)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 108 (14) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", relating to the salary of the trial magistrate of Kent County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 108 (14) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1960 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(14) There shall be one trial magistrate who shall sit at Chestertown and who shall receive an annual salary of *not less than \$1,800.00 nor more than \$3,000.00 as the County Commissioners of Kent County may from time to time determine*. There shall also be one associate trial magistrate who shall receive an annual salary of \$1,000.00. During the temporary absence or inability of the trial magistrate, the associate shall serve in his place with the same authority and power as the trial magistrate. In such case he shall receive from the County Commissioners the same prorata amount as compensation that the magistrate would have received, and the same expenses the magistrate would have received. The salary of the magistrate shall in such cases be diminished by a sum necessary to compensate the associate magistrate for any period of absence or inability in excess of thirty days in any one year. The Sheriff of Kent County and his deputies are hereby authorized, directed and required to serve all civil and criminal process issued by said magistrate.

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

Approved April 24, 1961.