

CHAPTER 472

(House Bill 975)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Courts", to be under a new subtitle to be known as "Municipal Court of Baltimore City", said new section to be known as Section 107, providing generally that the terms "Justice of the Peace", "Traffic Magistrate", and other similar expressions, as used in the Public Local Laws of Baltimore City and in Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, in a context relating to Baltimore City, shall be construed as applying to the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, providing that the Judges of said Municipal Court shall have, possess and exercise all the powers and duties of Justices of the Peace and Magistrates of Baltimore City providing that the Bill shall be an emergency Act and that it shall expire upon the taking effect of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1961 (Senate Bill 341 or House Bill 423).

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new Section be and it is hereby added to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), Title "Courts", to be under a new subtitle headed, "Municipal Court of Baltimore City", to follow immediately after Section 106, said new Section to read as follows:

107.

Wherever the terms Justice of the Peace, Trial Magistrate, Police Magistrate, Justices of the Peace assigned to the station houses, Traffic Court Magistrate or other similar expressions may be used in any Public Local Law of Baltimore City, or in any Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, in a context relating to, or including, Baltimore City, said terms shall be construed as including the Municipal Court of Baltimore City.

The Municipal Court of Baltimore City and the judges thereof shall have, possess and exercise all the powers and duties that were vested in or conferred upon the Justices of the Peace of Baltimore City, including the Police Magistrates, the Chief Police Magistrate of Baltimore City, the Magistrates at Large of Baltimore City on the day immediately preceding the first Monday of May, 1961.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall be declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect on May 1, 1961, and shall expire upon the taking effect of Chapter 616 of the Acts of 1961 (Senate Bill 341 or House Bill 423).

Approved April 24, 1961.

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.