

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION OF MARYLAND

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

**District Court**

**Section 5.10. Jurisdiction.**

The District Court shall have the original jurisdiction prescribed by law. Jurisdiction of the District Court shall be uniform throughout the State.

**Art. IV, Sec. 41A.** . . . [People's Court of Baltimore City] Said Court shall have such jurisdiction (which may be made exclusive as to any class or classes of civil cases in Baltimore City), with such right of appeal, therefrom, and the Chief Judge and Associate Judges thereof shall have such powers and duties, as the General Assembly shall prescribe from time to time by Law. The Judges of said Court shall have full power to regulate by rules the administration, procedure and practice of said Court; such rules shall have the force of law until rescinded or modified by said Judges or the General Assembly. Unless otherwise provided by Law, (1) all powers granted by this section or by Law to said Court or the Judges thereof as a body may be exercised by a majority of the Judges thereof, and (2) said Court shall not be a Court of Record. . . .

**Sec. 41B(2).** . . . [People's Court in Counties & Towns] The jurisdiction of any such Court (which may be made exclusive as to any class or classes of civil cases in such county, or any part thereof, city or town) and the right of appeal therefrom; . . .

**Sec. 41C(c)** . . . [Municipal Court in Baltimore City] The jurisdiction of said Court shall consist originally of the jurisdiction vested on the day immediately preceding the first Monday of May, 1961, in 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, and the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, and thereafter shall consist of such greater or lesser jurisdiction (which may be made exclusive as to any class or classes of cases), with such right of appeal therefrom, as the General Assembly shall prescribe from time to time by Law. . . .

(e) After the day immediately preceding the first Monday in May, 1961, no Justice of the Peace of Baltimore City, including the Police Magistrates of Baltimore City, the Chief Police Magistrate of Baltimore City, the Magistrates-at-Large for Baltimore City, the Magistrates of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, and the Chief Magistrate of the Traffic Court of Baltimore City, shall exercise any of the jurisdiction, or have any of the powers or duties conferred on the Court herein created.