

and public general laws; providing for the severability of the provisions of this Act; and relating generally to the establishment of a People's Court of Howard County on January 1, 1965, and the transfer to it of the civil and criminal jurisdiction presently exercised by trial magistrates in said County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 6(g) and 12 of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1962 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace", sub-title "Civil Jurisdiction", and Sections 97, 108(13), 109, 110 and 119(b) of said Article, sub-title "Trial Magistrates System", be and they are hereby repealed; and that a new Section 25C be and it is hereby added to said Article, sub-title "Criminal Jurisdiction", to follow immediately after Section 25B thereof; and all to read as follows:*

6(g) Trial magistrates in Howard County shall have civil jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore mentioned in this section, instituted after June 1, 1953, and involving amounts not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00). *From and after January 1, 1965, the civil jurisdiction vested in justices of the peace designated as trial magistrates in Howard County shall be transferred to and vested in the People's Court of said County as established in the local laws thereof; and in addition said Court shall have jurisdiction in all such cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed the amount set in said local laws.*

12. In all cases where the amount claimed or the thing in action exceeds the sum or value of fifty dollars and justices of the peace have jurisdiction, the several circuit courts for the counties shall have concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace, provided that in Baltimore County and Howard County the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace shall be exclusive in civil cases involving amounts not exceeding \$300.00.

25C. *From and after January 1, 1965, the judges of the People's Court of Howard County shall have criminal jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore conferred upon trial magistrates for Howard County in this sub-title; and any statutory reference herein to "trial magistrate" shall, when relating to said county, be interpreted as meaning "judges of the People's Court of Howard County".*

97.

(a) 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.

(b) Any trial magistrate or substitute trial magistrate appointed pursuant to the provisions of this sub-title, may be removed as such trial magistrate at any time by the Governor, provided, however, that in any such event, the trial magistrate who has received notice