Code, title "Governor—Executive and Administrative Departments", and the clerks shall be relieved of the responsibility of delivering transcripts of such papers after they have been disposed of as authorized above. The dockets of justices of the peace shall be retained permanently.

(a) Whenever a justice of the peace, trial magistrate or judge of the People's Court shall vacate his office by resignation, removal from office, or the expiration of his official term, OR BY REASON OF REORGANIZATION OF THE LOWER COURT SYSTEM IN WHICH HE HAS HELD OFFICE, his dockets, together with all the notes, bonds, accounts and papers appertaining to judgments or whereupon suits have been entered, shall be retained by the clerk of the court over which the judge presided. OR ANY SUCCESSOR COURT.

The clerks having custody of such dockets and papers shall keep the same as other records and shall deliver transcripts from the dockets or papers to any person applying for same, except that papers which have been in custody of the clerks for a period of three (8) years or longer, motor vehicle dockets which have been in the custody of the clerks for a period of five (5) years or longer, and civil and criminal dockets which have been in the custody of the clerks for a period of twenty-four (24) years or longer CIVIL AND CRIM-INAL DOCKETS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CLERKS FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY FOUR (24) YEARS OR LONGER, MOTOR VEHICLE DOCKETS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CLERKS FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE (5) YEARS OR LONGER, AND ANY OTHER PAPERS WHICH HAVE BEEN IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CLERKS FOR A PERIOD OF THREE (3) YEARS OR LONGER may be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Sections 177, 178 and 180 of Article 41 of this Code, title "Governor-Executive and Administrative Departments", and the clerks shall be relieved of the responsibility of delivering transcripts of such dockets and papers after they have been disposed of as authorized above.

- (b) The papers and dockets now in the custody of the clerk of the circuit courts for the several counties or the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City may also be destroyed in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.
- (C) ANY RECORDS NOT OTHERWISE PROVIDED FOR HEREIN SHALL BE DELIVERED TO THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY, AND SUCH CLERKS SHALL KEEP THE SAME AS OTHER RECORDS AND SHALL DELIVER TRANSCRIPTS FROM THE SAME TO ANY PERSON APPLYING THEREFOR, EXCEPT THAT SUCH RECORDS MAY BE DESTROYED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SUB-SECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

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The dockets of said magistrates, which they shall have with them at all of their sessions, shall conform as nearly as practicable to those used for civil and criminal cases in the circuit courts of the State, except that in cases under the motor vehicles law they shall use dockets and report forms furnished them by the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles. [All dockets and papers of trial magistrates shall be