

Magistrate's System," to follow immediately after Sections 25D and 97(f) thereof respectively; to add new Sections ~~156A~~ 166A and ~~194B through 194Q~~ 210A THROUGH 210N, inclusive, to the Code of Public Local Laws of Wicomico County (1959 Edition, being Article 23 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland), title "Wicomico County," Section ~~156A~~ 166A thereof under the subtitle "Justices of the Peace" and to follow immediately after Section ~~156~~ 166 thereof and Sections ~~194B through 194P~~ 210A THROUGH 210N, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section ~~194A~~ 210 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "People's Court of Wicomico County"; providing for the establishment of a People's Court of Wicomico County pursuant to provisions of Section 41B of Article IV of the Maryland Constitution, defining the jurisdiction thereof, prescribing the manner of selection, salary, powers and qualifications of the judges thereof, providing for the administration, employees, and procedure thereof; redefining and limiting the number and authority of certain justices of the peace in said county and abolishing the offices of trial magistrate and substitute trial magistrate therein; providing that said People's Court shall not be established until May 1, 1967; repealing inconsistent public local 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 Wicomico County, 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(p), 12, and 119(h) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1964 Replacement Volume), and Section 108(22) of the said Article and Code (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitles respectively "Civil Jurisdiction" and "Trial Magistrate's Systems," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; that new Section 25E be and it is hereby added to the said Article of the Code (1964 Replacement Volume) and that new Section 97(g) be and it is hereby added thereto (1964 Replacement Volume and 1965 Supplement), subtitles respectively "Criminal Jurisdiction" and "Trial Magistrate's System," to follow immediately after Sections 25D and 97(f) thereof respectively, and all to read as follows:

6.

(p) Trial magistrates of Carroll and Wicomico Counties shall have jurisdiction in all cases of the type mentioned in Subsection (a) of this section which involves amounts not exceeding \$750.00. *From and after May 1, 1967, the civil jurisdiction vested in justices of the peace designated as trial magistrates in Wicomico 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 the Court shall have jurisdiction in all such cases where the amount in controversy does not exceed the amount set in the 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