

have concurrent jurisdiction with justices of the peace, provided that in Baltimore County and Howard County the jurisdiction of the justices of the peace and in Anne Arundel [County] and Wicomico Counties the jurisdiction of the judges of the People's Court shall be exclusive in civil cases involving amounts not exceeding \$300.00.

25E.

*From and after May 1, 1967, the judges of the People's Court of Wicomico County shall have criminal jurisdiction in all cases hereinbefore conferred upon trial magistrates for Wicomico County in this subtitle; 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 Wicomico County."*

97.

*(g) From and after May 1, 1967, there shall be such number of committing magistrates in Wicomico County as are provided in the local laws thereof. From and after May 1, 1967, no justices of the peace shall be appointed or designated as trial magistrates in said County; and all jurisdiction conferred upon trial magistrates shall, in Wicomico County, be vested in the People's Court of Wicomico County as established by the local laws thereof.*

108.

(22) There shall be two trial magistrates who shall sit in Salisbury, one of whom shall be designated and appointed as judge of the People's Court, and shall receive an annual salary of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00); and the other of whom shall be designated and appointed as associate judge of the People's Court, shall sit not less than two days a week and shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars (\$3,000.00).

The said judge of the People's Court shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining the dockets, records, schedules and assignments for the People's Court. In his absence, said associate judge shall assume said responsibilities.

During the temporary absence or disability of the judge, the associate judge serve in his place as full-time judge of the People's Court, with like power and authority, and in such circumstances he shall receive as compensation from the County Commissioners for the period of such full-time service the same prorata amount that the judge would have received. In the event of the absence or disability of the judge from regular sessions of the People's Court for more than twenty-one (21) days in any one year, his salary shall be diminished ratably for such excess over twenty-one (21) days.

Except where inconsistent with other provisions of this article, the words "trial magistrate of Wicomico County" appearing in this article and elsewhere in this Code and laws of this State, shall be deemed to mean "judge of the People's Court of Wicomico County."

There shall be appointed biennially by the judge of the People's Court a clerk who shall keep all dockets of and supervise and manage the office of the People's Court of said county and said clerk shall