

~~the county prior to June 1, 1967~~ TRIAL MAGISTRATES EXCEPT THAT THEY SHALL HAVE NO JURISDICTION TO TRY CASES. The committing magistrates shall be appointed, ~~one for Vienna and one for Cambridge~~ AT LARGE FROM THE COUNTY.

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(9) (a) (1) In Dorchester County, the Governor shall appoint two persons as judges of the People's Court of Dorchester County for terms of four years each to begin on June 1, 1967 and every four years thereafter or until their successors are appointed and have qualified who shall be subject to confirmation by the Senate of Maryland. One of the judges shall be designated as the chief judge of the court and shall receive an annual salary of four thousand five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00); and the other judge shall be designated as the associate judge of the court and shall receive an annual salary of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00). The judges of the court shall be persons who are admitted to the practice of law in this State and not more than 70 years of age, and they shall devote such time as may be required to their duties as judges of the court. The judges of the court shall not appear as counsel in any case which is within the jurisdiction of the People's Court. ~~The Trial Magistrate sitting in Cambridge on January 1, 1967 shall continue in office until the People's Court Judges take office.~~

(2) The Governor shall also appoint two trial magistrates for the county who shall sit at Hurlock and Vienna and who shall have an annual salary of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00).

(b) (1) The judges of the court in all cases brought before them shall have all of the power and jurisdiction formerly exercised by the trial magistrates appointed for the county.

(2) In addition to but not in substitution for the above powers, the judges of the court shall have the following powers:

(3) To prescribe rules governing the practice and procedure of the court, including, but not limited to, the power to accept pleas of nolo contendere and to cite for contempt.

(4) To place on probation without verdict, or to suspend sentence or costs or both, and to place the person on probation and to invoke such conditions for probation as may be desirable. Any person placed on probation shall be under the supervision of the State Department of Parole and Probation.

(5) The trial magistrates for Hurlock and Vienna shall have, in addition to the powers formerly exercised by them, the power to place persons on probation without verdict.

(c) The laws applicable to appeals from actions of the trial magistrates of the county shall be applicable to appeals from all cases before the People's Court.

(d) Clerical assistance for the People's Court shall be appointed by the judges of the court, subject to the approval of expenses and compensation by the County Commissioners of Dorchester County. The trial magistrates for Hurlock and Vienna shall each have a clerk who shall receive an annual compensation of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). The dockets of the People's Court shall be kept current and shall be public records.