

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall be effective July 1, 1969.

Approved May 2, 1969.

---

CHAPTER 456  
(Senate Bill 541)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 108 (12) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," to provide for an increase in salaries for the trial magistrates of Harford County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 108 (12) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

108.

(12) [There shall be five trial magistrates, one of whom shall sit at Bel Air, who shall receive an annual salary of six thousand dollars (\$6,000.00); one each at Havre de Grace, Aberdeen, Darlington, and Abingdon and Edgewood area, who shall receive annual salaries of forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00).] *There shall be five trial magistrates, who shall sit at the following locations: Bel Air, Havre de Grace, Darlington, Abingdon and the Aberdeen and Edgewood area; they shall each receive annual salaries of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).* In addition, there shall be appointed a trial magistrate at large for Harford County, who shall sit in Bel Air, who shall have full powers of original jurisdiction as an alternate trial magistrate, who shall be available as a substitute trial magistrate to sit as and where needed, and who shall be paid an annual salary of [forty-five hundred dollars (\$4,500.00)] *five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)*; provided that all of said magistrates may sit from time to time at other locations in the county than those regularly designated. In the absence of the magistrates at large it shall be the duty of any of the aforesaid trial magistrates to act as substitute magistrates either voluntarily or at the request of the chief magistrate of the People's Court of Harford County. Said trial magistrates shall be designated and shall constitute the People's Court of Harford County and shall be known as the trial magistrates of the People's Court. The Governor shall designate one of such magistrates as the chief trial magistrate of the People's Court of Harford County, *who shall receive an additional sum of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and whose duty it shall be to call at least two meetings of such magistrates annually in April and November for the purpose of promoting an orderly and uniform system of justice and of adopting a convenient hearing schedule.* The magistrates of the People's Court appointed for Bel Air and the chief magistrate designated by the Governor shall be persons who have been admitted to the practice of law in Harford County. The other magistrates authorized by this