

wise under this pension plan, shall contribute toward the cost of his pension an amount equal to six per centum (6%) of his annual compensation which shall be deducted from his compensation each pay period and paid to the State Treasurer. Contributions shall not be retroactive with respect to those full-time judges already in office and carried over into the District Court by the provisions of this Act but shall commence for those judges on the effective date of this Act. The election provided for in this subsection must be exercised within six (6) months of the first Monday in July ~~1970~~ 1971 provided that any judge who initially does not elect to be under the pension plan provided for in this section but later wishes to do so, must, upon such election, pay in a lump sum in addition to the annual contributions provided for in this subsection, an amount equal to the contributions he would have made if initially under the plan for each year after the first Monday in July ~~1970~~ 1971, plus interest of four percent (4%). The provisions of subsections (b), (c) and (d) of this Section 143 shall apply to the full-time judges of the People's Courts of Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Montgomery, Wicomico and Baltimore City and the Municipal Court of Baltimore City who retired prior to the effective date of this Act.

145. *Jurisdiction and Venue.*

(a) *The jurisdiction of the District Court shall extend to all cases which arise within the boundaries of this State or are subject to the State's judicial power, and which are within the limitations imposed by this subtitle, but the exercise of this jurisdiction shall be subject to restrictions of venue as established by this subtitle.*

(b) *Criminal and Traffic Jurisdiction.*

(1) *Traffic. The District Court shall have jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine the case of any person who has attained his sixteenth (16th) birthday, or of any corporation, charged with the commission of an offense arising under Article 66½ of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition, as amended), generally known as the Motor Vehicle Code, except for any offense therein specifically designated as a felony and except for the offenses specifically enumerated in Article 26, Section 70-2, (d) (2) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition as amended.*

(2) *Criminal. The District Court shall have jurisdiction to hear, try, and determine the case of any person who has attained his eighteenth (18th) birthday, or of any corporation, charged with the commission of:*

(i) *Any common law or statutory misdemeanor,*

(ii) *A violation of any county, municipal or other ordinance if the offense charged is not a felony.*

(3) *Preliminary Hearings. The District Court shall also have jurisdiction to conduct hearings in felony cases to determine if the defendant shall be held for action of the grand jury.*

(4) *Concurrent and Exclusive Jurisdiction. In any case described in paragraphs 1 or 2 of Subsection (b) hereof in which the penalty may be confinement of three (3) years or more or a fine*