

trict. ~~The appointing~~ DESIGNATING judge shall assign the ~~sheriffs or constables~~ to the various courts or divisions of courts within his district so that every court or division of a court has at least one ~~sheriff or constable~~. The ~~sheriffs or constables~~ shall be paid the compensation provided by law and shall continue in office at the pleasure of the chief judge of the District Court.

(b) ~~All civil process and papers of the District Court shall be served by the sheriffs or constables of the respective districts, or as provided by rule, and all criminal and traffic process including warrants and summonses for witnesses shall be served by the sheriffs of the respective counties or by State or local police as shall be determined by rule.~~

(B) ALL CIVIL PROCESS AND PAPERS OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL BE SERVED BY THE CONSTABLES OF THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, OR AS PROVIDED BY RULE, EXCEPT THAT IF THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF A PARTICULAR DISTRICT SO ORDERS, SUCH PAPERS AND PROCESS MAY BE SERVED BY THE SHERIFFS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTIES. ALL CRIMINAL AND TRAFFIC PROCESS, INCLUDING WARRANTS AND SUMMONSES FOR WITNESSES SHALL BE SERVED BY THE SHERIFFS OF THE RESPECTIVE COUNTIES OR BY STATE OR LOCAL POLICE AS SHALL BE DETERMINED BY RULE.

154. *Commissioners, Appointment, Powers, Duty and Compensation.*

(a) ~~There shall~~ MAY be appointed by the administrative judge of each district, with the approval of the chief judge of the District Court, a number of commissioners in each county and the City of Baltimore as necessary to perform the functions of the office as hereinafter set forth. In multiple county districts, the administrative judge shall obtain the recommendation of ~~a~~ THE resident judge OR JUDGES in each county as to the number of commissioners to be appointed in the county and as to the person or persons to be appointed.

(b) Commissioners shall be adult residents of the counties in which they serve or the City of Baltimore if they are to serve therein, but they need not be members of the bar. Each commissioner shall be paid compensation as fixed by law and shall hold office at the pleasure of the chief judge of the District Court and shall have the powers and duties hereinafter set forth.

(c) A commissioner shall receive applications and determine probable cause for arrest warrants. He shall advise arrested persons of their constitutional rights, set bond or commit persons to jail in default of bond or release them on personal recognizance if circumstances warrant, and conduct investigations and inquiries into the circumstances of any matter presented to him in order to determine if probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant and, in general, perform all the functions of committing magistrates as exercised by the justices of the peace prior to the effective date of this section in the City of Baltimore and each county, and there shall be in each county and the City of Baltimore, at all times, one or more commissioners available for the convenience of the public and police in obtaining warrants and to advise arrested persons of their rights as required by law.