

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 108(7), 108(15)(G), and 117 AND 118(A) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1968 Replacement Volume and 1969 Supplement), title "Justices of the Peace," subtitle "Trial Magistrates System," be and are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(7) There shall be seven trial magistrates, one of whom shall be a member of the bar of Cecil County, shall sit at Elkton and shall receive an annual salary of \$3,600.00, one of whom shall sit at Chesapeake City and shall receive an annual salary of \$600.00, one of whom shall sit at Northeast and shall receive an annual salary of \$600.00, one of whom shall sit at Perryville and shall receive an annual salary of \$3,200.00, one of whom shall sit at Port Deposit and shall receive an annual salary of \$900.00, one of whom shall sit at Cecilton and shall receive an annual salary of \$600.00, and one of whom shall sit at Rising Sun and shall receive an annual salary of \$1,200.00. Provided, however, that the trial magistrate at Port Deposit shall sit only until such time as the U.S. Naval Training Center, Bainbridge, Maryland, is disestablished. In each instance an annual salary shall be paid to each of the respective trial magistrates in an amount not less than that specified in this subsection and these amounts may be increased at any time by the Board of County Commissioners of Cecil County from county funds. Each trial magistrate in Cecil County may appoint one constable [who is required] to serve all civil and criminal processes [issued] directed to him by the magistrate. The constable shall receive three dollars for each paper served in lieu of an annual salary.

(15)(G) THE SHERIFF OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHIEF DEPUTY, AND ALL OTHER DEPUTIES ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED, DIRECTED AND REQUIRED TO SERVE [ALL] CIVIL PROCESS ISSUED BY SAID JUDGES, BUT THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL NOT APPLY TO PROCESS ISSUED BY THE JUDGE OF THE PEOPLE'S COURT FOR JUVENILE CAUSES.

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When two trial magistrates are assigned by this subtitle for services in the same town or locality, either of said magistrates shall have authority to try civil or criminal cases originating before or removed to the other magistrate, whenever necessary for the convenience and prompt trial of such cases, and in accordance with the mutual arrangement by said magistrates of their schedules of trials to that end.

Process, execution, or any other writ requiring service upon a person or levy upon property, which may issue from any trial magistrate, may be directed by such trial magistrate to any constable appointed under this subtitle and return thereon shall be made by such constable to the trial magistrate who issues such writ; provided that in Cecil County all such processes, executions, writs or levies shall MAY instead be directed to the Sheriff of said county who shall make return thereon as herein provided. *A majority of the trial magistrates of Cecil County, WITH APPROVAL OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CECIL*