

CHAPTER 186  
(House Bill 664)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 20(b) of Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Fees of Officers," subtitle "Justices of the Peace," to provide for the fee for filing suit in the Trial Magistrate's Court for Charles County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 20(b) of Article 36 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Fees of Officers," subtitle "Justices of the Peace," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

20.

(b) In Charles County, and notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, a flat fee of ~~[\$2.50]~~ \$10.00 shall be paid upon the filing of any suit in the magistrates court, which said fee shall be the entire costs in the proceedings for both the Sheriff and the justice of the peace.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on July 1, 1970.

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CHAPTER 187  
(House Bill 696)

AN ACT to add new Section 38(d) to Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Justices of Peace," subtitle "Process and Practice," to follow immediately after Section 38(c) thereof, granting magistrates for Charles County the power to punish for contempt of court by fine or imprisonment.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section 38(d) be and it is hereby added to Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Supplement), title "Justices of Peace," subtitle "Process and Practice," to follow immediately after Section 38(c) thereof, and to read as follows:

38.

(d) *The trial magistrate, associate trial magistrate and substitute trial magistrate for Charles County shall have the power and authority to enforce obedience to their rules, orders and judgments by attachments, and to inflict punishment for contempt of court by a fine not exceeding the sum of fifty (\$50.00) dollars, or by confinement in the county jail not to exceed ten (10) days; said fine shall be paid to the County Commissioners of Charles County; provided, however, that the power aforesaid to punish for contempt shall*