

removed for trial to the circuit court in the county in which the offense occurred or to the Criminal Court of Baltimore if the offense occurred therein.

(6) Warrants, Bond, Bail. Every District Court judge shall have the power to issue warrants of arrest and warrants for search and seizure or for interception of communications, when and in the manner authorized by law; and he shall have the power to set bond or bail or to release on bond, personal or otherwise, to commit to jail in default of bond, to forfeit bonds upon failure of the defendant to meet the conditions of the bond, and to exercise all of the powers of Justices of the Peace under the Constitution of 1867.

(7) Writs. Every District Court judge shall have the power to issue writs of habeas corpus ad testificandum, writs of habeas corpus ad prosequendum, and writs of error coram nobis.

(8) Appointment of Counsel. Every District Court judge shall have the power to appoint counsel to represent indigent defendants within the jurisdiction of the court and shall have the authority to grant fees to ~~said~~ THE attorneys as prescribed by law or rule, which shall be paid by the State of Maryland.

(9) Alcoholics and Mental Cases. Every District Court judge shall have the power and authority to commit persons suffering from acute or chronic alcoholism or who are habitually addicted to narcotic drugs, to one of the State hospitals for evaluation, treatment and observation under such terms and conditions as he may determine, and every District Court shall be held to be included within the term "court" as used in Article 59, subtitle "Insanity as a Defense in Criminal Cases" of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1957 Edition, as amended; and each judge of the District Court shall have the same power and authority exercised by any judge of the circuit court for the purposes set forth in those sections, including the determination of competency to stand trial of any person charged with the commission of any crime within the jurisdiction of the court.

(10) Sentencing. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, every District Court Judge shall have the power in those cases described in paragraphs (b) (1) and (b) (2) of this Section [144] 145 to sentence any defendant to confinement for the period or periods of time prescribed by law or by the statute or ordinance creating the offense, and to impose any fine authorized by law or by said statute or ordinance.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1971.

Approved April 29, 1971

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CHAPTER 275

(House Bill 88)

AN ACT to add a new subsection (cc) to Section 326 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and