

ALLEGEDLY COMMITTED IN THAT COUNTY SHALL COMMIT THE TIME THE PERSON SHALL APPEAR IN COURT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 16-111; 16-118; and 16-121 of Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1970 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 66 1/2 - Vehicle Laws

16-111.

Whenever any person is taken before a District Court commissioner or is given a written traffic citation containing a notice to appear before a court as hereinbefore provided, the court shall be a court within the county in which the offense charged is alleged to have been committed [and is nearest or most accessible with reference to the place the alleged violation occurred].

16-118.

(a) Every traffic-enforcement officer upon issuing a traffic citation to an alleged violator of any provision of this article or of any traffic law or regulation of any local authority shall dispose of the citation in accordance with the regulations of the [Commissioner] ADMINISTRATOR, and shall cause the original copy to be promptly delivered to the [court in which the case is to be heard] DISTRICT COURT.

(b) Upon the deposit of the original or a copy of the traffic citation with [a court having jurisdiction over the alleged offense] THE DISTRICT COURT as aforesaid, the original or copy of the traffic citation may be disposed of only by trial in the court or other official action by a judge of the court, including forfeiture of the [bail] ~~[[COLLATORAL]]~~ COLLATERAL WHERE AUTHORIZED BY THE COURT, or by the deposit of sufficient bail, or payment of a fine by the person to whom the traffic citation has been issued by the traffic-enforcement officer.

Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent the entry of a "nol pros" or "stet" by the State's Attorney for Baltimore City or any county of the State.

(c) It shall be unlawful and official misconduct for any traffic-enforcement officer or other officer or public employee to dispose of a traffic citation or copies thereof or of the record of the issuance of the same in a manner other than as required herein or in the [Commissioner's] ADMINISTRATOR'S regulations.

(d) [The chief administrative officer of every