- (2) (I) A COMMISSIONER MAY ACCEPT THE FILING BY MAIL OF A WRITTEN APPLICATION REQUESTING A STATEMENT OF CHARGES AGAINST A DEFENDANT WHO HAS NOT BEEN ARRESTED FOR THE OFFENSE. THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN AN AFFIDAVIT SHOWING PROBABLE CAUSE THAT THE DEFENDANT COMMITTED THE OFFENSE CHARGED.
- (II) THE COMMISSIONER MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FROM THE AFFIANT OR REQUEST THE AFFIANT TO PERSONALLY APPEAR.
- [(2)](3) A commissioner 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 charging document, warrant, or criminal summons and, in general, perform all the functions of committing magistrates as exercised by the justices of the peace prior to July 5, 1971.
- [(3)](4) There shall be in each-county, at all times, one or more commissioners available for the convenience of the public and police in obtaining charging documents, warrants, or criminal summonses and to advise arrested-persons of their rights as required by law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995.

Approved May 9, 1995.

## **CHAPTER 317**

(House Bill 1053)

AN ACT concerning

## Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - The Avenue Market

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000 \$800,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to The Avenue Market Corporation for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore City – The Avenue Market Loan of 1995 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$1,000,000 \$800,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with