

CHAPTER 411.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 138A and 138B of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," as enacted by Chapter 161 of the Acts passed at the January Session, 1902.

Re-enactments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 138A and 138B of Article 15 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "Kent County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

Appointment of police justices.

138A. It shall be the duty of the Governor, after the appointment of the justices of the peace, provided by law, for the Chestertown or Fourth Election District, and those of the First Election District of Kent County, to select one from the justices so appointed for each of said districts who shall be known and designated as police justices: the said police justices shall have the same jurisdiction in criminal cases as justices of the peace now possess and which may hereafter be conferred upon them by and under the laws of the State, but the police justice of the First Election District shall have civil jurisdiction; the said police justices shall have exclusive jurisdiction of and shall be required to try and determine all violations of the criminal law which may arise in the Fourth or Chestertown Election District or the First Election District of Kent County, within the jurisdiction now possessed by justices of the peace or which may be hereafter conferred upon them by law: provided, nothing in this bill shall give the police justice of First District any jurisdiction in the first precinct of First District, and all violations of any of the ordinances of the town of Chestertown; the First Election District subject, however, to the same right of election to be tried by jury, notice of which must be clearly given by said justice to the party before beginning trial, and subject to the same right of appeal as now exists under the law; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Act shall preclude the said police justice from trying criminal cases which may arise in any other district of said county, except Chestertown or Fourth Election District.

Proviso.

Compensation.

138B. That the said police justice of Chestertown, or Fourth Election District, shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of \$400 per annum, or the proportionate part thereof, so long as he may continue to act as such police justice in said Fourth Election District, and the sum of \$200 per annum or the proportionate part thereof, so long as he shall continue to act as such police justice in the said First Election District: said salaries to be paid by the County Commissioners of Kent County, in equal quarterly instalments, and this salary shall be