

months nor more than one year. This section not to apply to Allegany county.

1880, ch. 31 1888, ch. 274

276. The respective justices of the peace in the respective counties of this State shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit courts for their respective counties, and the justices of the peace selected to sit at the respective station houses in the city of Baltimore shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the criminal court of Baltimore in the cases of persons arrested as tramps; and such respective justices shall proceed to hear and determine such cases when the parties arrested as tramps are brought before them, respectively, and to acquit such persons or to sentence them for such offence if convicted, unless such respective persons so charged, when so brought before them, respectively, and before they are respectively tried as aforesaid, shall pray a jury trial. If any person charged with being a tramp, brought before a justice of the peace selected to sit at a station house in the city of Baltimore, shall pray a jury trial as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the said justice of the peace to commit such person for trial, or to hold him to bail to appear before the criminal court of Baltimore on the next succeeding Saturday of the session of the said court, and to return the commitment or recognizance in such case to the clerk of the said court on or before the day next preceding the next Saturday session of said court; and if any person charged with being a tramp, brought before a justice of the peace for any county in this State, shall pray a jury trial as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the said justice of the peace to commit such person for trial or to hold him to bail to appear for trial before the circuit court for the county in which such person was arrested at the pending term of said circuit court, if it be then in session, or at the next term thereof if it be not then in session. Such respective justices of the peace shall endorse upon the commitment or recognizance of any such person so praying a jury trial, the names and places of residence of the witnesses on behalf of the prosecution, and shall cause such respective witnesses to enter into recognizance for their respective appearance against such person in the court into which such commitment or recognizance for the appearance of the party charged is returned