

AN ACT to add an additional Section to Article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," to be designated as Section 270 A, relating to bonds to be given before Justices of the Peace in Criminal Cases.

*SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That an additional section, designated as 270 A, be added to article 22 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County," sub-title "Justices of the Peace," to follow after section 270, and to read as follows :

270 A. It shall be the duty of the justices of the peace of Washington county in criminal cases when persons are arrested and brought before them, charged with offences whereof the said justices have trial jurisdiction, to admit such persons to bail, if good and sufficient bail is offered, for a trial to be had before said justice ; and should the offense charged be one in which the said justices of the peace do not have trial jurisdiction, then in that case said justices of the peace shall hold said person or persons for a hearing on a day not later than three days from the day on which said person or persons were brought before said justice of the peace, and the said justices of the peace are hereby required to admit to bail any person or persons so held for a hearing ; provided, good and sufficient bail is offered ; said hearing may be adjourned from time to time, if the interests of justices so require ; said adjournment to be not for more than three days at any one time. But no justice shall admit any person to bail where the offense charged is punishable by death. The form of the bond in such cases shall be substantially as follows, and signed by the party accused and his surety or sureties :

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit :

We — and — acknowledge ourselves to owe and stand justly indebted to the State of Maryland, in the sum of — dollars, to be made and levied of our goods and chattels and lands and tenements, upon the condition that — be and appear in his proper person at the hearing or trial, as the case may be, before —, justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington county, at his office, in —, in Washington county, on the — day of — 19 —, at — o'clock, M., then and there to answer all such things as shall be alleged against — on behalf of the State of Maryland, and not to depart without leave ; and in meantime to keep the