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AN ACT to amend Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," by changing a sub-title thereof, and by adding thereto three Sections relating to the trial and commitment of minors, the appointment of probation officers for the protection of such minors, and the powers and duties of such probation officers.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the following sections be added to Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws, title "City of Baltimore," sub-title "Justices of the Peace and Constables," to follow section 623 as now enacted, and to be known and numbered as section 623 A of the said Article. New section added.

Section 623 A. In addition to the justices of the peace mentioned in section 623 of this Article, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and if the Senate shall not be in session then by the Governor, shall appoint from the city of Baltimore at large an additional justice of the peace, who shall be appointed from such ward as the Governor may elect, shall be known as "The Magistrate for Juvenile Causes," who shall be a member of the bar of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and shall receive from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore a salary of two thousand one hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly, and the additional justice provided for in this section of this Article shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all cases of trial, or commitment for trial, or of commitment to any reformatory or other institution, of all minors under sixteen years of age in all cases where jurisdiction thereof is given by law to any justice of the peace in Baltimore city, and such justice shall hear and dispose of all such cases at such place and as shall be designated by the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore city, and he shall sit during the same hours as the police magistrates of said city. Whenever any such child shall be arrested it may be taken to such place other than one of the station houses, as may be designated by the Board of Police Commissioners, but in the absence of such designation such child may be held at a station house as heretofore until he shall be brought before the magistrate. When such justice shall commit any such child for the action of the grand jury, such commitment may be to any suitable reformatory institution, having due regard to the sex of the said child and the wishes of its parents or guardian, if it have any, instead of to the Baltimore city jail. In the absence of the additional justice provided for in this section, either from sickness or other cause, the Board of Police Additional justices of the peace.