

(3) *Whenever any Judge of the Court shall, in his discretion, determine in any case within the jurisdiction of the Court, that the interests of justice would best be served by trying the charge against the person appearing before him in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, the said Judge may, before trial, waive jurisdiction in the matter.*

(4) *In cases in which the person charged is to be, or may be, originally proceeded against in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, under sub-section (1), (2) or (3) of this sub-section, the Court shall sit as a committing magistrate.*

115. *Maximum Sentences.*

(a) *Notwithstanding that a greater imprisonment or fine may be permitted by statutory or common law, for any offense within the jurisdiction of said Court, the Court shall have no power to impose any imprisonment in excess of three years, or any fine in excess of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000), or both fine and imprisonment in excess of three years and One Thousand Dollars, for any one offense before it.*

(b) *The foregoing limitation shall not be construed as preventing the imposition of concurrent or consecutive sentences of imprisonment, or of separate fines for each offense, or both, where two or more offenses are consolidated for trial, provided the sentence imposed for every one of said offenses is within the limitation of sub-section (a) of this Section.*

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That Section 140 of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Ed.), Title, "Crimes and Punishments", sub-title, "False Pretenses, Bad Checks, etc.", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:*

§ 140. *Obtaining money, etc., under false pretenses with intent to defraud.*

Any person who shall by any false pretense obtain from any other person any chattel, money or valuable security, with intent to defraud any person of the same, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and being convicted thereof shall be liable, at the discretion of the court, to be punished by fine and imprisonment, or by confinement in the penitentiary for not less than two years nor more than ten years, as the court shall award; provided always, that if upon the trial of any person indicted for such misdemeanor it shall be proved that he obtained the property in question in any such manner as to amount in law to larceny or robbery, he shall not by reason thereof be entitled to be acquitted of such misdemeanor; and no person tried upon such misdemeanor shall be afterwards liable to be prosecuted for larceny or robbery upon the same facts; and provided also, that a mere promise for future payment, though not intended to be performed, shall not be sufficient to authorize a conviction under this section. In Wicomico County where the amount of money or the value of the thing received does not exceed three hundred dollars (\$300.00), the People's Court shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Court to try persons charged with violating this section and §§ 142 and 144 of this article, provided that persons so convicted in the People's Court shall not be sentenced to the penitentiary by