

and to be under the new sub-title "Justices of the Peace", providing authority for the Circuit Court for Talbot County to prescribe rules of practice and procedure in all cases or actions before the Trial Magistrates in Talbot County, including service by registered or certified mail, and the fees and costs to be charged in civil and criminal cases before Justices of the Peace for Talbot County, and to provide for the disposition of said fees and costs.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That new Sections 269 to 272, inclusive, be and they are hereby added to Article 21 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland (1930 Edition), title "Talbot County", to follow immediately after Section 268 thereof, and to be under the new sub-title "Justices of the Peace", and to read as follows:*

269. *The Circuit Court for Talbot County is authorized to prescribe by general rules the practice and procedure in all cases or actions before Justices of the Peace designated as Trial Magistrates in Talbot County. Such rules shall neither abridge, enlarge nor modify the substantive rights of any litigant, but as used in this sub-title, the terms "practice and procedure" shall be liberally construed, and without intending hereby to limit their comprehensive application, shall be deemed to include process, writs, pleading, parties, trials and judgments. Such general rules shall take effect on the date as prescribed therein. Upon taking effect such rules and any subsequent amendments or additions thereto, shall supersede any prior inconsistent public general or public local law. Such rules may be rescinded, changed, modified or added to from time to time by the Circuit Court for Talbot County or by the General Assembly, and such alterations or additions to the rules shall become effective at such time as the Circuit Court for Talbot County or the General Assembly shall provide.*

270. *The Circuit Court for Talbot County is also authorized to prescribe, in the manner set forth in Section 269, in civil actions for service of summons, which may include as a part thereof a copy of the statement of claim and verification, by registered or certified mail with return receipt.*

271. *The Justices of the Peace designated as Trial Magistrates in Talbot County shall be entitled to receive and collect the following fees and costs, which fees and costs shall be in substitution of any fees and costs now provided for by law:*

<i>For docketing, indexing and trial, including judgment or dismissal of any civil action or proceeding</i>	<i>\$4.50</i>
<i>For docketing, indexing, trial and verdict in any criminal case or proceeding.....</i>	<i>4.50</i>
<i>For issuing writs of fieri facias</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>For certified copy of judgment.....</i>	<i>1.00</i>
<i>For preparing transcript of docket entries, whether in connection with an appeal or otherwise</i>	<i>1.00</i>

272. *Except in the case of motor vehicle law violations as provided in Section 104(a) of Article 52 of the Annotated Code of Mary-*