

firm or corporation, upon any bank, person, firm or corporation, where such person knows that the bank, person, firm or corporation is not indebted to the drawer, or where such person knows that the drawer or drawers thereof have not provided for the payment or acceptance thereof, and the same be not paid upon presentation, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or imprisoned for not more than sixty (60) days, or both, in the discretion of the court.

139. District Court established []; postponed effective date in certain districts].

Pursuant to the provisions of Article IV of the Maryland Constitution of 1867 as amended, there is hereby established a District Court of Maryland which shall consist of a chief judge and the number of associate judges, prescribed by law []; provided that none of the provisions of these sections shall be effective in any district for which the General Assembly shall postpone the effective date of the District Court constitutional amendment pursuant to subsection (b) of § 41-I of Article IV of the Constitution until the effective date to which the same shall have been postponed].

148. Summons ; subpoenas duces tecum ; contempt.

(a) Every judge of the District Court shall have power to issue summons and subpoenas duces tecum for the attendance of parties, witnesses, and evidence in cases before the court, *but no judge shall issue a blank summons.* [and u] Upon THE failure of any person to attend in response to the summons at the time and place mentioned therein, the person shall be liable in the discretion of the court, to a fine not exceeding three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Nothing in this section shall be construed as limiting the power of the judge as hereinafter provided to punish for direct contempt.

149. Chief clerk; chief administrative clerks; other employees.

(b) Except as otherwise provided by law, all persons who [at the effective date of this subtitle] *on July 5, 1971* in the City of Baltimore or any county [are] *were* clerical, administrative or constabular employees and full-time committing magistrates employed by a people's court, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, a magistrates court, or the Housing Court of Baltimore County shall continue as employees of the District Court. [Within ninety (90) days following the first Monday of July, 1971, all clerical, administrative and constabular employees, unless they elect to remain under any city, county or municipal merit or classification system, shall become part of the State classified service if full time, and the unclassified service if part time, without examination and without diminution in salary, and] *A person who became an employee of the District Court pursuant to this subsection shall be given credit for prior service with the prior employer for purposes of determining future annual and sick leave, provided, however, that although the persons shall otherwise be in the State service, the person shall elect either to remain under any county, city or municipal leave, retirement, or health system of which they are then a part, or to transfer to the leave, retirement, or health system of the state; provided that persons electing to transfer to the Employees' Retirement System of the State of Maryland under the*