

District Court shall be borne exclusively by the State, and, except as provided in § 155, all revenues derived from the operation and administration of the court shall enure to the general funds of the State. [For the period July 1, 1971, through July 4, 1971, the State shall pay the salary and contributions to any municipal or county health, retirement or pension plan with respect to every judge of a people's court, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, the Housing Court of Baltimore County, every justice of the peace designated a trial magistrate or a committing magistrate and every employee of any court or any justice of the peace who is in office or is employed on July 1, 1971. The State is authorized to pay, for the period of July 1, 1971, through July 4, 1971, the proportionate part of any rent provided for and otherwise payable by a county or municipality under a lease in effect on July 1, 1971, providing space for any people's court, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, the Housing Court of Baltimore County, or any trial magistrate or any justice of the peace designated as trial magistrate or committing magistrate. All fines, fees, forfeitures, costs and other moneys received by or paid through any people's court, the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, the Housing Court of Baltimore County, any justice of the peace designated trial magistrate or committing magistrate or by any employee or court or official during the period July 1, 1971, through July 4, 1971, shall enure and be paid to the general funds of the State.]

154. Commissioners.

(c) A commissioner shall receive applications and determine probable cause for arrest warrants *and criminal summonses*. He shall advise arrested persons of their constitutional rights, set bond or commit persons to jail in default of bond or release them on personal recognizance if circumstances warrant, and conduct investigations and inquiries into the circumstances of any matter presented to him in order to determine if probable cause exists for the issuance of a warrant *or criminal summons* and, in general, perform all the functions of committing magistrates as exercised by the justices of the peace prior to the effective date of this section in the City of Baltimore and each county, and there shall be in each county and the City of Baltimore, at all times, one or more commissioners available for the convenience of the public and police in obtaining warrants *or criminal summonses* and to advise arrested persons of their rights as required by law.

[(i) In any criminal case within the exclusive original jurisdiction of the District Court, a commissioner may, in lieu of issuing a warrant, issue a summons requiring the person charged to appear for trial at a specified time and place. The summons may be issued only if the commissioner determines that the public interest, including the safety of any prosecuting witness, does not require the arrest of the accused, and that the public interest does not require that the accused be placed under personal recognizance, bail, bond or other security for his appearance. Each summons shall be signed by the person accused, and shall include a statement of his promise to appear for trial at the time and place specified in the summons.]

[(ii) It is unlawful for any person to violate his written promise to appear in accordance with the summons, but the written promise to appear may be complied with through an appearance by counsel.]