

Jurisdiction imposed herein shall include all courts of limited jurisdiction including the Municipal Court of Baltimore City and any Trial Magistrate Court of the State.

~~(g)~~ (H) Severability. If any provision of this subtitle or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this subtitle which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this subtitle are declared to be severable. If any clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this subtitle shall, for any reason, be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional and invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph or section thereof so found unconstitutional and invalid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and necessary for the immediate preservation of public health and safety and, having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two houses of the General Assembly, this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 23, 1969.

CHAPTER 201

(Senate Bill 1)

AN ACT to add new Section 229A to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Maryland Tax Court," to authorize the Maryland Tax Court to establish by rule a procedure for the handling of appeals on the valuation of property assessments, to generally provide for the appointment of an examiner to hear appeals in the counties, preserving the right of appeal to the Tax Court in lieu of hearing before the examiner and relating generally to such procedure on assessment appeals before the Tax Court.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That new Section 229A be and it is hereby added to Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1965 Replacement Volume), title "Revenue and Taxes," subtitle "Maryland Tax Court," to follow immediately after Section 229 thereof, and to read as follows:

229A.

(a) *The Maryland Tax Court may establish by rule, in accordance with this section, a procedure for appeals on questions of valuation in real property assessments. The Court may appoint an Examiner to hear the appeals, and the Court may arrange for the Examiner to sit at the times and places appropriate to promote his accessibility, within the several counties or Baltimore City, wherein the appeals may arise.*

(b) *If the Maryland Tax Court establishes a procedure as provided in subsection (a), any property owner, where there is an appeal to the Maryland Tax Court from an assessment on real estate, may*