

be evidence before said Commission in the hearing. The State Tax Commission shall have full power to hear, try and determine the matter, and may require all defendants, their clerks and surveyors, or other agents as they may deem necessary, to attend and examine them on oath or affirmation and may permit or require all such explanations, amendments and additions to be made to any of the proceedings, including the petition of appeal, as it shall determine, so that the case may be properly heard and determined. The said Commission shall not be bound by the technical rules of evidence; but at the request of any party and at his expense all evidence, testimony of facts on which said Commission may act and on which its decision shall be based shall be reduced to writing and filed among the records of the Commission relating to said appeal. The said Commission is empowered to assess anew, classify anew, abate, modify, change or alter any assessment or classification appealed from, provided that in the absence of any affirmative evidence to the contrary, or of any error apparent on the face of the proceedings the assessment or classification appealed from shall be affirmed. The said Commission shall cause its decision on all appeals to be made within the time prescribed and to be certified by its Secretary under the seal of said Commission to the assessing authorities from which the appeal was taken, and to all other parties to said appeal; and such decision shall be final and conclusive in every respect unless an appeal be taken to court as hereinafter provided.

1929, ch. 226, sec. 185.

185. (a) In any proceeding before the State Tax Commission, either an original proceeding or an appeal from the County Commissioners or the Appeal Tax Court, any party in interest may file information in writing with the State Tax Commission of his address or of the address of his agent or attorney to whom all notices pertaining to said proceeding may be sent, and thereafter a copy of any order of the State Tax Commission in said matter shall be delivered to such party or his agent or attorney, or mailed, postage prepaid, to the address aforesaid; but nothing herein contained shall require any person to file such information in order to appeal as in the next succeeding section provided.

(b) In any proceeding before the State Tax Commission, whether appellate or original, any party may submit requests for rulings on points of law, similar to prayers in non-jury cases in courts of law, and the said Commission shall grant, reject or modify the same, so far as may be material to its decision.

See notes to sec. 182.

1929, ch. 226, sec. 186.

186. (a) Any taxpayer, any city, the County Commissioners of any county, or the Attorney General on behalf of the State, may appeal from the decisions of the State Tax Commission, in the exercise of its appellate jurisdiction, on questions of law only, to the Circuit Court of any county or the Baltimore City Court of Baltimore City, in which the property or