may, in his discretion, admit the petitioner to bail for his appearance when required. If the application to prosecute such appeal shall be granted, the procedure thereafter shall be in conformity with the rules of the Court of Appeals, and the Court may affirm, reverse or modify the order appealed from, or it may remand the case for further proceedings, but if said application is denied, the order sought to be reviewed shall thereby become final to the same extent and with the same effect as if said order had been affirmed upon appeal. The Court of Appeals may permit an appeal to be prosecuted without the prior payment of costs.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1947.

Approved April 25, 1947.

CHAPTER 626.

(Senate Bill 251)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 27 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Levy", providing for an additional period of time for taxing authorities to fix the rate of taxation.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 27 of Article 81 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Revenue and Taxes", sub-title "Levy", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

27. As soon as may be practicable after the date of finality in each year and in any event before the first day of the fourth succeeding month the County Commissioners of each county and the legislative department of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore or any other city shall fix the rate of county or city taxation for such ensuing year on all assessments, persons or property subject to taxation under this Article in such county or city and for which the rate is not fixed by this Article; provided that where any fixed or limited rate of county and/or city taxes is prescribed by this Article, such county and/or city taxes are hereby levied at such respective rates upon all assessments, persons and property liable thereto under