

2. In all trials upon indictment or presentment in any court of this state having criminal jurisdiction, it shall be lawful for any party accused, or the state's attorney in behalf of the state, to except to any ruling or determination of the court, and to tender to the court a bill of exceptions, which shall be signed and sealed by the court, as is now practised in civil cases; and the party tendering such bill of exceptions may appeal from such ruling or determination to the court of appeals; provided that the counsel for the accused shall make oath that such appeal is not taken for delay; and such appeal shall be heard by the court of appeals at the earliest convenient day, after the same shall be transmitted to said court; and after such appeal shall be entered, no judgment shall be rendered against the accused in case he shall be found guilty, until the court of appeals shall have determined upon the exception; and the accused, if convicted of misdemeanor, shall be entitled to remain on bail until the case is remanded from the court of appeals.

Except to ruling of court.

Early hearing of appeal.

Effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 20, 1884.

Chapter 133.

AN ACT to make valid and effectual and legalize the official acts and proceedings of Marcus M. Fazenbaker, justice of the peace in district number four, Garrett county, Maryland.

Preamble.

WHEREAS MARCUS M. FAZENBAKER was, by the governor, appointed and commissioned a justice of the peace in election district number four, in and for Garrett county, Maryland; and whereas there was no provision by law for the appointment of more than one justice of the peace in said district; and whereas the said Marcus M. Fazenbaker having qualified and acted as justice of the peace in said district since the first day of May, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, therefore—