

posed improvement, which notice shall state the fact of the passage or approval of the ordinance, the date of its passage or approval, that the petition was signed by the owners of a majority of front feet of property abutting on the line of the proposed improvement, and that any person interested and denying the fact that said petition was so signed, may appeal to the Circuit Court for Allegany County within fifteen days from the posting of said notices; and within said fifteen days from the posting of said notices any person interested may present a petition to the Circuit Court for Allegany County on the law side thereof, which court is hereby given jurisdiction in the premises, setting forth the facts; whereupon the said court shall inquire and determine, under such rules as it shall prescribe, whether said improvement was petitioned for by the owners of a majority of the front feet of property abutting upon said street or alley, or part thereof; and if upon the trial it shall be determined it was not so petitioned for, the court shall quash said ordinance; but if it shall be determined that it was so petitioned for, the court shall approve said ordinance. At the hearing of said petition by the Circuit Court, either side shall be entitled to a jury trial; and if said petition is filed during a regular term of the Circuit Court, before the jury has been discharged, said petition shall be heard and tried at said term of court; and if said court is not in session, or if the jury has been discharged, then the court may order a special jury to be summoned, of the inhabitants of Allegany county, as in cases of condemnation of property by corporations, as provided in article 23, section 248, of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, except as herein otherwise provided, and said jury shall be summoned to meet and said case shall be tried at the usual place for holding the sessions of said court; and if at said time any jurors summoned do not attend, the sheriff shall immediately summons as many jurors as may be necessary, with the jurors in attendance, to make twenty jurors, and from them each party or its, his or their agent or attorney, (or if either party shall neglect or refuse so to do) then the sheriff may strike off four names, and from those remaining on the list the sheriff shall select twelve to act as the jury, and shall administer to each of the jury the usual oath administered to jurymen in the trial of civil actions in said court. But it shall be lawful for either party to waive a jury trial and to consent that the matter shall be tried before the court, and said court shall then try said case upon its regular trial docket, if the court be in session when said petition is filed, or may try said case at such

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