

both, whereby assessments upon property benefited by such improvements were authorized.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in any and all cases where a street, lane or alley, or part thereof, situated in the city of Baltimore, has been opened, widened, straightened or closed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or by any commissioner or commissioners, or other person or persons, acting either under the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly, of Maryland, or of an ordinance of the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or both, whereby authority was granted to assess the whole or any portion of the costs of such improvement upon property benefited thereby, and such assessments, or any part thereof remain unpaid, it shall be lawful for the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to provide by ordinance for levy and collection, in such manner as it may deem proper, of a tax to the extent of such special benefit upon all the property, which the said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, or the said commissioner or commissioners, or other person or persons above mentioned, have designated in their return, as property benefited by such improvement, and liable to assessment therefor; provided, that no property, upon which the assessment originally made for its share of the cost of such improvement shall have been paid, shall be again assessed, and that reasonable notice and an opportunity to be heard shall be given to all persons interested before final ascertainment of the amount of tax to be paid by any such property, and the said city shall provide for appeals to the Baltimore City Court by any person or persons interested, including the city itself, from the decision of the Commissioners for Opening Streets, or any commissioner or commissioners, or other persons appointed to determine the amount or amounts of such special taxes or assessments, and in the trial of such appeals the practice shall conform as near as may be to the practice in the trial of street appeals, including the right of appeal to the Court of Appeals.

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

Approved March 30, 1908.

#### CHAPTER 168.

AN ACT to add a new paragraph, headed "Distributing Poles and Other Similar Structures," to section 6, sub-section "Streets, Bridges and Highways," of article 4, entitled "City of Baltimore," of the Public Local Laws of Maryland; said