

is hereby authorized and directed to proceed by attachment against said witness in all respects as if said neglect or refusal had been by a witness summoned to appear in said Court in a case pending before it. At the hearing, the person charged shall be entitled to be represented by counsel. Any person aggrieved by any rule, regulation or order of the Commission shall have the right to apply for review thereof to the Circuit Court, sitting in equity, of the county or to the Circuit Court or the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City, as the case may be, wherein is situated the establishment affected thereby, on the grounds that such rule, regulation or order is impracticable of attainment or unlawful. Such application shall be by petition which shall be filed in the clerk's office of such court within sixty (60) days after the date of the rule, regulation or order complained of. The Commission shall be named as a party defendant to such petition. Within fifteen (15) days after such petition is so filed, the petitioner shall serve on the Director or any member of the Commission a copy of the petition, and within fifteen (15) days thereafter the answer of the Commission shall be filed, whereupon such cause shall be to issue and stand ready for hearing upon fifteen (15) days notice to either party. The filing of such application shall operate to suspend the rule, regulation or order complained of until the validity of such rule, regulation or order shall have been finally adjudicated. The said court shall hear the proceeding de novo, shall thereupon determine in writing all matters of law and fact, and render its decision approving, setting aside or modifying the rule, regulation or order complained of and the clerk of said court shall certify the same to the Commission. The Commission or any party aggrieved by any such final decision of the court shall have, regardless of the amount involved, the right of appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland. The procedure shall be the same as that provided by law concerning appeals in civil cases [and such appeals shall have precedence over all cases except criminal cases].

661 (j). Protest against lease.—Any three or more residents of this State may, within the period of thirty days after the last insertion of said advertisement, file a protest in writing against such application in the circuit court of the county in which or nearest to which the area applied for is located, and the clerk of said court shall thereupon docket a suit at law in which the protests are the plaintiffs and the applicant is the defendant. The court, or any judge thereof, shall thereupon pass an order directing summons to issue for the defendant, to be served in the same manner as summons in action at law, and returned by some day to be named in said order, Said court or judge shall also furnish the defendant with a copy of the petition and the defendant shall answer said petition within fifteen days after the return day to which it is summoned, unless the court, for good cause, has extended time for answering it. After filing of said answer, or in default of answer within the time fixed, the court shall proceed promptly to hear all evidence adduced by the parties, or either of them, and shall decide whether the area described in said petition is or is not within any of the prohibited areas set forth in sub-section (b) of this section and for which a lease shall not be granted, and judgment shall be entered accordingly. The hearing in said circuit court shall be before a jury unless jury trial be waived by all parties, in which event the hearing shall be before any judge or judges of said court. An appeal to the Court of Appeals of Maryland may be taken by either party to said cause