

time limited by the Maryland Rules of Procedure, the defendant, if unable by reason of poverty to pay the cost of an appeal to the Court of Appeals, may file with the court imposing the sentence a petition under oath alleging the fact of his poverty and his inability to defray the expense of prosecuting an appeal. The lower court upon being satisfied that such defendant is unable by reason of poverty to defray the expense of prosecuting an appeal to the Court of Appeals shall sign an order directing that all costs, including but not limited to all court costs, the cost of preparing the transcript of testimony, the cost of preparing and transmitting the record, and the cost of the briefs, appendices and printed record extract necessary in connection with the appeal shall be paid by the State of Maryland and that the record be transmitted to the Court of Appeals at the expense of the State. A copy of such order shall be included in the record transmitted to the Court of Appeals and the payment of all filing fees to the Clerk of the Court of Appeals in connection with the appeal shall be waived. If counsel prosecuting such appeal on behalf of the defendant has been appointed as such counsel by the court imposing sentence or by the Court of Appeals, the Court of Appeals may allow to such counsel a fee in such amount as the Court shall think proper for his services in connection with such appeal, such fee to be paid by the State.

§ 21. Certiorari to secure uniformity of decision.

In any case, civil or criminal, in which a final judgment has been rendered by the circuit court of any county or by one of the courts of Baltimore City upon appeal from a justice of the peace, people's court, trial magistrate [or], traffic court magistrate, or *Municipal Court of Baltimore City* if it shall be made to appear to the Court of Appeals upon petition of any party that a review is necessary to secure uniformity of decision, as where the same statute has been construed differently by the courts of two or more circuits, or that there are other special circumstances rendering it desirable and in the public interest that the case should be reviewed, the Court of Appeals shall require, by certiorari or otherwise, any such case to be certified to the Court of Appeals for its review and determination.

§ 30. Right to appeal from justice and certain magistrates; hearing; disposition, of fines, etc.

Any party may appeal to the circuit court for the county [or the Baltimore City Court, as the case may be,] from any judgment of a justice of the peace or trial magistrate of [any] the county [or from any judgment of a trial magistrate in Baltimore City or from any judgment of a magistrate of the traffic court of Baltimore City], in any civil, criminal or motor vehicle cause. Such appeal may be taken at any time within thirty days from the date of said judgment if the cause is civil, and within ten days if the cause is criminal or deals with a violation of any motor vehicle law. The court to which such appeal is taken shall hear the case de novo and determine the same according to law and the equity and right of the matter. This section shall be construed to include all actions of debt for the collection of fines, penalties and forfeitures imposed by any law of the State or by any ordinance of any incorporated city or town of the State, and which are made recoverable before a justice of the peace, in which a right of appeal may not be given by the law im-