

(d) *Every commissioner appointed under this Section shall, before entering upon his duties, give bond to the State of Maryland in such penalty amount or amounts as shall be fixed by the Comptroller of the State, and each of the bonds shall remain in force during the tenure of office of the respective commissioners, shall have corporate sureties satisfactory to the Comptroller, and the premiums for the bonds shall be paid by the State.*

155.

All costs in civil actions and all criminal and motor vehicle fines, penalties and forfeitures and costs shall be collected by the Clerks of the District Court and remitted periodically to the State of Maryland under a system jointly agreed upon by the Chief Judge of the District Court and the Comptroller of the State, provided that in those political sub-divisions permitting the payment of parking fines directly to the sub-division and not through the court, such fines shall not be collected by the court and may be retained by the sub-division AND PROVIDED FURTHER, HOWEVER, THAT ALL PARKING OR IMPOUNDING FINES, PENALTIES AND FORFEITURES COLLECTED THROUGH THE COURT PURSUANT TO A LOCAL ORDINANCE OR REGULATION ENACTED BY A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY, INCLUDING BALTIMORE CITY, BE REMITTED TO THE RESPECTIVE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

156. Appeals.

(a) *An appeal from a judgment of the District Court in a criminal, motor vehicle, or civil case shall be taken to the Circuit Court in the county in which the judgment was rendered. If the case was originally tried in Baltimore City, an appeal in a criminal or motor vehicle case shall be taken to the Criminal Court of Baltimore and in a civil case to the Baltimore City Court. In any case, the court shall hear and decide the appeal on the record made in the District Court, as designated by the parties. There shall be no right to a trial de novo in the appellate court. EXCEPT A CIVIL CASE INVOLVING A CLAIM OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OR MORE, THERE SHOULD BE AN ABSOLUTE RIGHT TO A TRIAL DE NOVO. IN ANY CIVIL CASE INVOLVING A CLAIM OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OR MORE, THE APPEAL SHALL BE HEARD AND DECIDED ON A TRANSCRIPT OF THE RECORD MADE IN THE DISTRICT COURT. THE STATE PURSUANT TO A RULE ADOPTED BY THE DISTRICT COURT, SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE TAKING OF TESTIMONY IN CIVIL CASES INVOLVING A CLAIM OF ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00) OR MORE.*

(b) *In a civil case, any party aggrieved by the judgment of the District Court may take an appeal within thirty (30) days of final disposition in the District Court.*

(c) *In a criminal or motor vehicle case, the defendant may take an appeal from the judgment of the District Court within thirty (30) days of final disposition in the District Court.*

(d) *The form of the appeal in any case, the method of preparing and transmitting the record, the form of briefs, and all other procedural matters having to do with the appeal shall be as prescribed by rule of the Court of Appeals, except that the designation of the*