

by Section 66 of this article. In the event that an appeal shall be taken to court other than the circuit court of the county or to a common-law court of Baltimore City having jurisdiction over the place where the accident occurred or over the person appealing from such decision, the court shall on motion of either party transfer such appeal to the proper tribunal, so that the said appeal may be heard on its merits in the court having jurisdiction to hear the same. If the court shall determine that the Commission has acted within its powers and has correctly construed the law and facts, the decision of the Commission shall be confirmed; otherwise it shall be reversed or modified. Upon the hearing of such an appeal the court shall, upon motion of either party filed with the clerk of the court according to the practice in civil cases, submit to a jury any question of fact involved in such case provided, however, that in all appeals in which occupational diseases are involved, the findings of fact by the Commission shall be final and not subject to review or modification by the court or be submitted to a jury. The proceedings in every such an appeal shall be informal and summary, but full opportunity to be heard shall be had before judgment is pronounced. In the event a claimant needs additional medical attention pending any appeal as provided herein the Commission shall retain jurisdiction to entertain a request for additional medical treatment and attention and may issue a supplemental order requiring the employer to furnish additional medical treatment and attention, which order is subject to review on the pending appeal. An appeal shall not be a stay of any order of the Commission directing payment of compensation or any order or supplemental order requiring the furnishing of medical treatment. If the decision of the Commission shall be confirmed, reversed or modified, the practice prevailing in civil cases as to the payment of costs and the fees of medical and other witnesses shall apply. In all such appeals upon suggestion in writing, under oath, of either of the parties to said proceedings that such party cannot have a fair and impartial trial in the court in which the same may be pending, the said court shall order and direct the record of proceedings in such appeal to be transmitted to some other of the circuit courts of the counties, or common-law courts of Baltimore City for trial. Appeal shall lie from the judgment of the circuit court of the county or the common-law courts of Baltimore City to the Court of *Special Appeals* as in other civil cases *subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Special Appeals*. All appeals from the Commission shall have precedence over all cases except criminal cases.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That at any time or from time to time after this Act becomes effective, the Court of Appeals may by its order transfer all or any number of the appeals filed in cases subject to the jurisdiction of the Court of Special Appeals as expanded by this Act and then pending on the docket of the Court of Appeals from said docket to the docket of the Court of Special Appeals, and the appeals so transferred shall be decided or otherwise disposed of by the Court of Special Appeals.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That nothing herein is intended to affect or in any way interdict the existing functioning of the Court of Special Appeals, or to abrogate the tenure in office of any judge of the Court of Special Appeals who is in office on the effective date of this Act.