

THE ACCUSED BE PLACED UNDER PERSONAL RECOGNIZANCE, BAIL, BOND OR OTHER SECURITY FOR HIS APPEARANCE. EACH SUMMONS SHALL BE SIGNED BY THE PERSON ACCUSED, AND SHALL INCLUDE A STATEMENT OF HIS PROMISE TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED IN THE SUMMONS.

(II) IT IS UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO VIOLATE HIS WRITTEN PROMISE TO APPEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUMMONS, BUT THE WRITTEN PROMISE TO APPEAR MAY BE COMPLIED WITH THROUGH AN APPEARANCE BY COUNSEL.

(III) IF ANY PERSON FAILS TO APPEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH HIS PROMISE, A COMMISSIONER OR A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT SHALL ISSUE A WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF THE PERSON.

(d) Every commissioner appointed under this section shall, before entering upon his duties, *take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the Constitution, and shall give bond to the State of Maryland in such* THE 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.

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~~ TRAFFIC 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. There shall be no right to a trial de novo in the appellate court~~ IN CIVIL CASES INVOLVING A CLAIM OF LESS THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, IN CRIMINAL CASES, AND IN TRAFFIC CASES, THERE SHALL BE A TRIAL DE NOVO IN ALL APPEALS. HOWEVER, BY AGREEMENT OF THE PARTIES, THE APPEAL MAY BE HEARD AND DECIDED ON THE RECORD MADE IN THE DISTRICT COURT. IN ANY CIVIL CASE INVOLVING A CLAIM OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS OR MORE THE APPEAL SHALL BE HEARD AND DECIDED ON THE RECORD MADE IN THE DISTRICT 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 should 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 judgement of the District Court may take an appeal within thirty (30) days of final disposition in the District Court.~~ IN THE CASE OF AN APPEAL