

160.

*This subtitle may be invoked by an order of any of the courts referred to in Section 159 upon the court's own motion or upon the motion of any party to the cause.*

161.

*A certification order shall set forth*

*(1) the question of law to be answered; and*

*(2) a statement of all facts relevant to the question certified and showing fully the nature of the controversy in which the question arose.*

162.

*The certification order shall be prepared by the certifying court, signed by the judge presiding at the hearing, and forwarded to the Court of Appeals by the clerk of the certifying court under its official seal. The Court of Appeals may require the original or copies of all or of any portion of the record before the certifying court to be filed with the certification order, if, in the opinion of the Court of Appeals, the record or portion thereof may be necessary in answering the question.*

163.

*Fees and costs shall be the same as in civil appeals docketed before the Court of Appeals and shall be equally divided between the parties unless otherwise ordered by the certifying court in its order of certification.*

164.

*Proceedings in the Court of Appeals shall be those provided in Maryland Rules of Procedure.*

165.

*The written opinion of the Court of Appeals stating the law governing the question certified shall be sent by the clerk under the seal of the Court of Appeals to the certifying court and to the parties.*

166.

*The Court of Appeals or the Court of Special Appeals of this State, on its or their own motion or the motion of any party, may order certification of a question of law to the highest court of any state if it appears to the certifying court there is involved in any proceeding before the court question of law of the receiving state which may be determinative of the cause then pending in the certifying court and it appears to the certifying court that there are no controlling precedents in the decisions of the highest court or intermediate appellate courts of the receiving state.*

167.

*The procedures for certification from this state to the receiving state shall be those provided in the laws of the receiving state.*