

[(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.]

#### 156. APPEALS.

(A). AN APPEAL FROM A JUDGMENT OF THE DISTRICT COURT IN A CRIMINAL, [MOTOR VEHICLE] TRAFFIC, OR CIVIL CASE SHALL BE TAKEN TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE JUDGMENT WAS RENDERED. IF THE CASE WAS ORIGINALLY TRIED IN BALTIMORE CITY, AN APPEAL IN A CRIMINAL OR TRAFFIC CASE SHALL BE TAKEN TO THE CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE AND IN A CIVIL CASE TO THE BALTIMORE CITY COURT. IN ALL CIVIL [CASES] ACTIONS [INVOLVING A CLAIM OF LESS THAN] WHERE THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY DOES NOT EXCEED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS, AND IN ALL CRIMINAL CASES [.] AND 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] ALL CIVIL [CASES] ACTIONS [INVOLVING A CLAIM OF] WHERE THE AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY EXCEEDS FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS [OR MORE THAN] THE APPEAL SHALL BE HEARD AND DECIDED ON THE RECORD MADE IN THE DISTRICT COURT.

(C) 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, EXCEPT THAT AN APPEAL TAKEN PURSUANT TO SECTION 145A OF THIS ARTICLE, OR SECTION 4, 39, OR 39R OF ARTICLE 53 OF THE CODE SHALL BE TAKEN WITHIN THE TIME PRESCRIBED IN THE PARTICULAR SECTION.

SECTION 25. *And be it further enacted,* That Sections 21, 107 through 110, inclusive, 112, 113 through 116, inclusive, 118, 119, 121 through 124, inclusive, 125(a), 125(b), 125(d), 126, and 129 of Article 26, Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume, and, as to Sections 107, 108, 109(a), 109(c), 113(b) and (c), 114(b), 125(a), 125(b), and 125(d), 1971 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitles, respectively, "Judgments," "Municipal Court of Baltimore City," and "District Courts" be and they are hereby repealed.

SECTION 26. *And be it further enacted,* That new Sections 145A, 145B, ~~146A~~, 159 and 160 be and they are hereby added to Article 26, Annotated Code of Maryland (1966 Replacement Volume, 1971 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "District Courts," to follow, respectively, Sections 145 and 158 of said Article, and to read as follows:

##### 145A. *Procedure in grantee suits.*

(a) *If a grantor of land remains in possession after delivery of a deed for the land, and in violation of a written agreement to deliver possession of the land at a time stated in the agreement, the grantee may file a statement of claim in the District Court sitting in the county in which the land is located. The procedure following the filing of a*