

*Appeals* authorized by law may be taken with or without the assent or joinder in such appeal of coplaintiffs or codefendants or other parties.

23. In appeals from executive, administrative or judicial decisions or actions, civil or criminal, of the State of Maryland, its instrumentalities, departments, commissions, agencies, or political subdivisions, costs shall be assessed against the parties by the circuit courts of the counties, the courts of Baltimore City, *the Court of Special Appeals* and the Court of Appeals, as in cases between private suitors; and said courts are expressly empowered and directed to assess costs against the State of Maryland, its instrumentalities, departments, commissions, agencies, or political subdivisions whenever costs would be so assessed if the State were a private suitor, said costs to be paid out of the budget of the State, or of the agency or political subdivision of the State concerned. Provided that in all cases of criminal appeals [to the Court of Appeals of Maryland, and in all habeas corpus appeals], the cost of printing the State's brief and record extract, and any other costs incurred by the State, shall be paid immediately by the political subdivision in which the case originated, upon notice thereof from the Attorney General. [ and should the case be decided against the State in favor of the appellant, all costs shall be assessed against political subdivision in which the case originated.] Should any defendant against whom costs have been assessed [by the Court of Appeals] in a criminal *appeal* [case or in a habeas corpus appeal] fail to pay said costs to the political subdivision in which the case originated, then it shall be the duty of the State's attorney for said political subdivision to take the necessary steps to recover the same. This section shall apply to all costs previously incurred by the State for the printing of briefs and record extracts in criminal cases and not yet paid by the political subdivision in which the case originated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 25 of Article 17 of the said Code (1957 Edition), title "Clerks of Courts", subtitle "General Duties of Clerks", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, that Section 36 of the said Article and subtitle of the Code be and it is hereby repealed, and that new Sections 46A, 46B and 46C be and they are hereby added to the said Article of the Code, to follow immediately after Section 46 thereof and to be under the new subtitle "Clerk of Court of Special Appeals", and all to read as follows:

#### Article 17

25. Every clerk, including the [Clerk] *clerks* of the Court of Appeals *and of the Court of Special Appeals*, shall annually return to the Comptroller a full and accurate account of all his fees, emoluments and receipts, whether on his own account as such clerk, or for the State, city or county, including fines and forfeitures, and also of all expenses incident to his office; and such accounts shall be rendered under oath, and in such forms and supported by such proofs as shall be prescribed by the Comptroller; and every clerk, including said [Clerk] *clerks* of the Court of Appeals *and of the Court of Special Appeals*, shall render with his account of the expenses incident to his office, a list of the clerks employed by him, stating the rate of compensation allowed to each, and the duties which they severally perform, and, also, the sums paid for stationery, official and