

which appeals may be taken, what part or parts of the proceedings in the court below shall constitute the record on appeal, and the manner in which such appeals shall be brought to hearing, or determination, and shall regulate generally the practice of said Court of Appeals, so as to prevent delays and promote brevity in all records and proceedings brought into said court, and to abolish and avoid all unnecessary costs and expenses in the prosecution of appeals therein; and the said judges shall make such reductions in the fees and expenses of the said court, as they may deem advisable. It shall also be the duty of said Judges of the Court of Appeals, as soon after their election as practicable, to devise, and promulgate by rules or orders, forms and modes of framing and filing bills, answers and other proceedings and pleadings in equity; and also forms and modes of taking and obtaining evidence, to be used in equity cases; and to revise and regulate generally the practice in the Courts of Equity, of this State, so as to prevent delays, and to promote brevity and conciseness in all pleadings and proceedings therein, and to abolish all unnecessary costs and expenses attending the same. And all rules and regulations hereby directed to be made, shall, when made, have the force of law, until rescinded, changed, or modified by the said judges, or the General Assembly.

*Part III—Circuit Courts.*

SEC. 19. The State shall be divided into eight judicial circuits, in manner following, viz.: The counties of Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester, shall constitute the First Circuit; the counties of Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil, the Second; the counties of Baltimore and Harford, the Third; the counties of Allegany and Washington, the Fourth; the counties of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel, the Fifth; the counties of Montgomery and Frederick, the Sixth; the counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's, the Seventh; and Baltimore city, the Eighth.

SEC. 20. A court shall be held in each county of the State, to be styled the Circuit Court for the county in which it may be held. The said Circuit Courts shall have and exercise, in the respective counties, all the power, authority and jurisdiction, original and appellate, which the present Circuit Courts of this State now have and exercise, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law.

SEC. 21. For each of the said Circuits (excepting the