

relate to the general court and court of appeals, was passed, to alter and repeal those parts of the constitution and form of government that are therein mentioned: And whereas the said act of assembly hath been published in due form for the space of three months next before the late general election of delegates to the house of delegates, according to the provisions of the constitution and form of government, and this general assembly hereby intend to confirm the said act,

Act confirmed and made valid.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the said act, entitled, an act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, be and it is hereby confirmed and made valid to every intent and purpose therein mentioned.

See ch. 65 and ch. 86.

CHAPTER 65.

AN ACT to provide for the organization and regulation of the Courts of Common Law in this state, and for the administration of justice therein.

See notes to 1804, ch. 55, ante page 490, where all the acts relating to the common law, powers of the common law courts are carefully collected. See 1785, ch. 72, ante page 208, where the acts conferring equity jurisdiction on the county courts are enumerated.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, a very material reform in the courts of common law in this state has been established by the act, entitled, an act to provide for the trial of facts in the several counties of this state, and to alter, change and abolish, all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the general court and court of appeals, which passed at November session, eighteen hundred and four,* and was ratified and confirmed, according to the constitution and form of government, at this present session,† and it is necessary to make provision by law to carry into full and complete effect such reform, in conformity with the principles contained in said act; therefore,

* Chap. 55.

† Chap. 16.

Judges' oath.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the judges of the court of appeals, and the judges of the district courts, before they act as such, shall respectively take the following oath, or affirmation, as the case may be, to wit: 'I, A. B. chief judge, (or associate judge,) for the ——— judicial district, do solemnly promise and swear, (or affirm,) that as judge I will do equal right and justice, according to law, in every case in which I shall act as judge, freely without sale, fully without any denial, and speedily without delay, and will behave myself justly, honestly and faithfully, in the said office, according to the best of my knowledge and understanding; so help me God.'