

city of Annapolis, on the first Monday in April, and the first Monday in October, of each and every year, or at such other times as the General Assembly may, by law, direct Its sessions shall continue not less than ten months in the year, if the business before it shall so require; and it shall be competent for the judges, temporarily, to transfer their sittings elsewhere, upon sufficient cause. Sessions not less than ten months

SEC 15 Four of said judges shall constitute a quorum; no cause shall be decided without the concurrence of at least three; but the judge who heard the cause below, shall not participate in the decision; in every case an opinion, in writing, shall be filed within three months after the argument, or submission of the cause; and the judgment of the court shall be final and conclusive; and all cases shall stand for hearing at the first term after the transmission of the record. Four a quorum
Judge below not to sit
Opinions in three months
Hearing at first term
20 Md. 58

SEC 16. Provision shall be made by law for publishing reports of all causes, argued and determined in the Court of Appeals, which the judges shall designate as proper for publication. Publishing reports
1852, c 55, 351,
1854, res 5,
1867, c 410

SEC 17 There shall be a clerk of the Court of Appeals, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of the State, who shall hold his office for six years, and until his successor is duly qualified; he shall be subject to removal by the said court for incompetency, neglect of duty, misdemeanor in office, or such other cause, or causes, as may be prescribed by law; and in case of a vacancy in the office of said clerk, the Court of Appeals shall appoint a clerk of said court, who shall hold his office until the election and qualification of his successor, who shall be elected at the next general election for members of the General Assembly; and the person, so elected, shall hold his office for the term of six years from the time of election. Clerk to be elected.
Removal.

SEC 18. It shall be the duty of the judges of the Court of Appeals, as soon after their election, under this Constitution, as practicable, to make and publish rules and regulations for the prosecution of appeals to said appellate court, whereby they shall prescribe the periods within 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. Vacancy.

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23 Md 1, 36 Md
62, 243, 38 Md
19, 39 Md 176;
42 Md 378
The record.

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Reduction of fees
Rules in equity

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 Allegheny and Washington, the fourth; the counties of Carroll, Howard, and Anne Arundel, the fifth; the counties of Montgomery Eight judicial circuits.