

CHAPTER 99

(House Bill 777)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 130 and 131 of Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1966 Replacement Volume, 1969 Supplement~~), title "Courts," subtitle "Court of Special Appeals"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Sections 1, 6, 7, 18, 19, 21, and 21A of Article 5 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1968 Replacement Volume~~), title "Appeals," subtitle "Appeals to Court of Appeals," subheadings "Appeals from Courts of Law," "Appeals from Courts of Equity," "Appeals in Contempt Cases," "Appeals in Custody Cases," and "Certiorari," to be under the new subtitle "Appeals to Court of Appeals and to Court of Special Appeals," and to enact new Sections ~~5B~~ 5A and 5B to follow immediately after Section 5 thereof, to be under the same title and the new subtitle, and to be under the new subheading "Jurisdiction of Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, ~~Sections~~ SECTIONS 66K and 84 of Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1966 Replacement Volume~~), title "Chancery," subtitles "Paternity Proceedings" and "Adoption"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 645A (e) of Article 27 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume~~), title "Crimes and Punishments," subtitle "Post Conviction Procedures"; and to repeal and re-enact, with an amendment, Section 25 of Article 41 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume~~), title "Governor-Executive and Administrative Department," subtitle "~~Extradition~~" "THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 19 of Article 42 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1965 Replacement Volume~~), title "Habeas Corpus," subtitle "Jurisdiction and Procedure"; and to repeal and re-enact, with an amendment, Section 19(a) of Article 66A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1967 Replacement Volume~~), title "Moving Pictures"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 26 of Article 88A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1969 Replacement Volume~~), title "State Department of Social Services," subtitle "Child Care"; and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 56(a) of Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (~~1957 Edition, 1964 Replacement Volume, 1969 Supplement~~), title "Workmen's Compensation," subtitle "Appeals"; to increase the number of judges of the Court of Special Appeals to nine, and to provide for the manner of the election and/or appointment of such judges from appellate judicial circuits and from the State at large; to provide for the hearing and determination of cases before the Court of Special Appeals by panels, and for the number of judges which shall constitute quorums of panels and of the Court of Special Appeals in banc; to expand the appellate jurisdiction of the Court of Special Appeals to include certain civil actions, cases, causes, suits and proceedings, and to identify those appeals which are subject to the exclusive initial appellate jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals and those which are subject to the exclusive initial appellate jurisdiction of the Court of Special Appeals; to provide for the transfer of appeals taken or trans-