

ferred to the improper court between the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals; to provide for the transfer of appeals subject to the expanded jurisdiction of the Court of Special Appeals from the Court of Appeals to the docket of the Court of Special Appeals and for the decision or disposition of such appeals by the Court of Special Appeals; and relating generally to the laws of Maryland dealing with the organization and operation of the Court of Special Appeals, the respective jurisdictions of the Court of Appeals and the Court of Special Appeals, and the right to appeal or right to apply for leave to appeal to the Court of Appeals or the Court of Special Appeals from judgments, decrees, orders or other actions in certain actions, cases, causes, suits and proceedings.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That 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1966 Replacement Volume, 1969 Supplement), title "Courts," subtitle "Court of Special Appeals," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, all to read as follows:*

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There is hereby created an intermediate court of appeal, to be known as the "Court of Special Appeals" and which shall be composed of ~~five~~ *nine* judges, one from the ~~first special appellate judicial circuit~~ *First Appellate Judicial Circuit* consisting of ~~Harford,~~ Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester and Talbot counties; one from the ~~second special appellate judicial circuit~~ *Second Appellate Judicial Circuit* consisting of Baltimore ~~and Carroll and Howard~~ *and Harford* counties; one from the ~~third special appellate judicial circuit~~ *Third Appellate Judicial Circuit* consisting of Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett counties; one from the ~~fourth special appellate judicial circuit~~ *Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit* consisting of Prince George's, ~~Anne Arundel,~~ Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties; ~~and~~ one from the ~~fifth special appellate judicial circuit~~ *Fifth Appellate Judicial Circuit* consisting of ~~Baltimore City,~~ *Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties; two from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit consisting of Baltimore City; and two from the State at large.* All of the judges of the Court of Special Appeals shall be appointed and/or elected as provided in Article IV of the Constitution. The seven judges of the Court of Special Appeals from designated appellate judicial circuits shall be residents of their respective ~~special~~ appellate judicial circuits. ~~and shall be appointed by the Governor and subject to confirmation by the Senate as prescribed by Article IV of the Constitution.~~ *Insofar as the Constitution provides for the election of judges of the Court of Special Appeals, the election of a judge from a designated appellate judicial circuit shall be by the qualified voters of that circuit. The two judges of the Court of Special Appeals from the State at large may be residents of any of the appellate judicial circuits. Insofar as the Constitution provides for the election of judges of the Court of Special Appeals, the election of a judge from the State at large shall be by the qualified voters of the entire State. The term of each judge of the Court of Special Appeals shall begin on the date of his qualification for the office.* One of the judges