

of the Court of Special Appeals shall be designated by the Governor as Chief Judge. [The Court of Special Appeals shall have appellate jurisdiction only, which shall be coextensive with the limits of the State and which shall, unless and until otherwise expressly changed by law, include direct appeals from that division of the highest court of GENERAL TRIAL jurisdiction specially assigned to hear juvenile causes and from the circuit courts of the counties and from the Criminal Court of Baltimore City in all criminal cases where the sentence is other than death, subject in each such case to a further appeal to the Court of Appeals as provided by Section 21A of Article 5 of this Code, as amended from time to time.] The Court of Special Appeals shall hold its sessions in the City of Annapolis and at such time or times as it shall from time to time by rule prescribe. Its session or sessions shall continue not less than ten months in each year if the business before it shall so require. The salary of each judge of the Court of Special Appeals shall be that prescribed in [Section 47(1-a)] *Section 47(b)* of this article and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office. [Four of the judges shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of the entire Court shall be necessary for the decision of any cause. Nothing herein contained shall authorize the Court to sit in one or more panels or divisions.] *Cases before the Court of Special Appeals shall be heard and determined by a panel of not less than three judges, unless a hearing or rehearing before the Court in banc is ordered by a majority of the judges of the Court. Panels of the Court of Special Appeals shall be constituted and shall sit at such times and hear such cases as the Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals may direct from time to time. Five judges shall constitute a quorum of the Court in banc, and a quorum of a panel of the Court shall consist of one less than the number of judges designated to serve on the panel, but never fewer than three judges. The concurrence of a majority of the entire Court in the case of a hearing or rehearing in banc, or of a majority of a panel, shall be necessary for the decision of any cause.*

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The General Assembly may from time to time provide by law for additional judges of the Court of Special Appeals and designate the [special] appellate judicial circuits from which such judges shall be appointed *and/or elected or provide for the appointment and/or election of such judges from the State at large, consistent with the method of appointment and/or election of such judges set forth in the State Constitution.* Whenever provision is so made by the General Assembly another judge of the Court of Special Appeals shall be appointed [by the Governor and submitted for confirmation by the Senate.] *and/or elected by the voters of the appropriate appellate judicial circuit or of the entire State, as the case may be.* He shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold his office for the same term, receive the same compensation and have the same powers as are or shall be provided by the Constitution or laws of this State for the judges of the Court of Special Appeals.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That 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*