

(House Bill 297)

AN ACT concerning

Court of Special Appeals

FOR the purpose of adding an additional judge to the Court of Special Appeals.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings
Section 1-402
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 1-402 of Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1974 Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

1-402.

(a) The Court of Special Appeals consists of [twelve] 13 judges, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor as Chief Judge.

(b) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the judges of the Court of Special Appeals shall be selected, appointed, retained, removed from office, or retired as provided in Article IV of the Constitution with respect to judges of the Court of Appeals. One judge of the Court of Special Appeals shall be a resident respectively of each of the appellate judicial circuits defined in Article IV, § 14 of the Constitution, except that two judges shall be residents of the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit. When election to judicial office is required by the Constitution, each of these judges shall be elected by the qualified voters of his circuit of residence. The remaining judges of the Court of Special Appeals may be residents of any part of the state and, when election to judicial office is required by the Constitution, shall be elected by the qualified voters of the entire state. The term of a judge of the Court of Special Appeals begins on the date of his qualification for office.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1977.

Approved April 29, 1977.
