

of said districts by the qualified voters thereof, and the salary of each Judge shall be five thousand dollars.

Sec. 15. The Court of Appeals shall hold its sessions in the city of Annapolis, on the first Monday in April and the first Monday in October, in 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.

Sec. 16. Three Judges shall constitute a quorum; and no cause shall be decided without the concurrence of at least three Judges, 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.

Sec. 17. 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.

Sec. 18. The Court of Appeals shall appoint its own Clerk, who shall hold his office for six years, and may be re-appointed at the end of his term; he shall be subject to removal by said Court for incompetency, neglect of duty, misdemeanor in office, or such other cause or causes as may be prescribed by law.

### PART III.—CIRCUIT COURTS.

Sec. —. The State shall be divided into twelve Judicial Circuits, in manner following: Saint Mary's, Charles and Prince George's Counties shall constitute the first Circuit. Calvert, Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties shall constitute the second Circuit. Howard and Carroll Counties shall constitute the third Circuit. Frederick County shall constitute the fourth Circuit. Washington County shall constitute the fifth Circuit. Allegany County shall constitute the sixth Circuit. Baltimore County shall constitute the seventh Circuit. Harford and Cecil Counties shall constitute the eighth Circuit. Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties shall constitute the ninth Circuit. Talbot and Dorchester Counties shall constitute the tenth Circuit. Somerset and Worcester Counties shall constitute the eleventh Circuit, and Baltimore City shall constitute the twelfth Circuit.

Sec. —. A Court shall be held in each County of the State, which shall be called the Circuit Court for the county in which