

for each of the said judicial districts, two persons of integrity and sound legal knowledge; residents of the State of Maryland, who shall during their acting as judges, reside in the district for which they shall respectively be appointed, one of whom shall be styled in the commission, Chief Judge, and the other Associate Judge of the district for which they shall be appointed; and the Chief Judge together with the Associate Judge, shall compose the county courts in each respective district; and each judge shall hold his commission during good behaviour, removable for misbehaviour, on conviction, in a court of law, or shall be removed by the Governor, upon the address of the General Assembly, provided that two-thirds of all the members of each house concur in such address: and the county courts so as aforesaid established, shall have, hold and exercise, all and every the powers, authorities and jurisdictions, which the county courts of this State now have, use and exercise, and which shall hereafter be prescribed by law.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the Associate Judges of each judicial district, shall have, hold and exercise, all and singular the equity jurisdiction now vested by law, in the several county courts of this State, when sitting as courts of equity; such equity jurisdiction to be exclusively vested in the Associate Judges, except in such cases as the Legislature may by law vest the same in the Chief Judges; and at the regular terms of the county courts of the several counties, Howard District and the city of Baltimore, and at such intermediate equity terms as the Legislature may establish, said Associate Judges, shall hear and determine all causes now cognizable by said county courts, sitting as courts of equity: and from all decisions, orders or decrees of said Associate Judges, sitting in equity, an appeal may be taken to the Court of Appeals.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the office of Chancellor of this State, be and the same is hereby abolished.

SEC. 4. And be enacted, That there shall be a Court of Appeals, and the same shall be composed of the Chief Judges of the several judicial districts of the State, which said Court of Appeals shall hold, use and exercise, all and singular the powers, authorities and jurisdictions heretofore held, used and exercised by the Court of Appeals of this State: and the Governor shall vary the commission, so as to designate the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, which person, so designated, shall when attending, preside in said court; and the said Court of Appeals hereby established shall sit at such times and place, as the future Legislature of this State shall direct and appoint, and any three of the said Judges of Court of Appeals shall form a quorum to hear and decide in all cases pending in said court.

SEC. 5. And be it enacted, That there shall be appointed a person of integrity and sound legal knowledge, to be styled in his commission Chief Judge of the Municipal Court of Baltimore, who, with the Mayor of said city, for the time being, (who shall be the associate judge of said court,) shall compose a court, to be