

one of whom shall be designated by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as the Chief Judge. And in all cases, until action by the Senate can be had, the Judge so designated by the Governor shall act as Chief Judge. And the jurisdiction of said Court shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State, and such as now is or may hereafter be prescribed by law. It shall hold its sessions in the City of Annapolis, on the first Monday in April, and the first Monday in October, of 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. 15. Four of said Judges shall constitute a quorum; no cause shall be decided without the concurrence of at least three, 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. 16. 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. 17. 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 thereof; he shall be subject to removal by the 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. 18. The State shall be divided into eight Judicial Circuits, in manner following, viz: the counties of Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester and Caroline, shall constitute the First Circuit; the counties of Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil, the Second; the counties of Baltimore and Harford, the Third; the counties of Allegany and Washington, the Fourth; the counties of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel, the Fifth; the counties of Montgomery and Frederick, the Sixth; the counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's, the Seventh; and Baltimore City, the Eighth.

Sec. 19. A Court shall be held in each County of the State; to be styled the Circuit Court for the County in