

Constitution as practicable, to make and publish rules and regulations for the prosecution of appeals to said appellate Court, whereby they shall prescribe the periods within which appeals may be taken, what part or parts of the proceedings in the Court below shall constitute the record on appeal; the manner in which such appeals shall be brought to hearing or determination, and regulate generally the practice of said Court of Appeals, so as to prevent delays, and promote brevity in all records and proceedings brought into said Court, and to abolish and avoid all unnecessary costs and expenses in the prosecution of appeals therein.

It shall also be the duty of said Judges of the Court of Appeals, as soon after their election as practicable, to devise, and promulgate by rules or orders, forms and modes of framing and filing bills, answers and other proceedings and pleadings in equity; and also forms and modes of taking and obtaining evidence to be used in equity causes; and to revise and regulate generally the practice in the Courts of Equity of this State, so as to prevent delays, and to promote brevity and conciseness in all pleadings and proceedings therein, and to abolish all unnecessary costs and expenses attending the same. And such rules and regulations hereby directed to be made, shall, when made, have the force of law, until rescinded, changed or modified by the said Judges or the General Assembly;”

Mr. Gill submitted the following amendment to the amendment:

Add after the words “expenses in the prosecution of appeals therein,” in proposed new Section 18, the words: “and to make such reductions in the fees and expenses of the Court of Appeals as said Court may deem advisable;”

Which was adopted.

The question then recurring upon the amendment submitted by Mr. Alvey, as amended,

It was adopted.

Pending the consideration of Part III, Circuit Courts, Section 19,

Mr. Rider submitted the following amendment as a substitute for the whole section:

“Sec. 19. The State shall be divided into seven Judicial Circuits in manner and form following, to wit: Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester counties, shall be the first; Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne’s and Kent counties, the second; Cecil, Harford and Baltimore counties, the third; Carroll, Howard, Montgomery and Anne Arundel counties, the fourth; Prince George’s, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary’s, the fifth; Allegany, Washington and Frederick the sixth; and Baltimore city the seventh.”