

end thereof; he shall be subject to removal by the said court for incompetency, neglect of duty, misdemeanor in office, and such other causes as may be prescribed by law.

Sec. 5. The State shall be divided into three Judicial Districts, one on the Eastern and two on the Western Shore, which said districts shall be laid off as the Gubernatorial Districts are, and one person from among those learned in the law, having been admitted to practice the law in this State, and who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years, and above the age of thirty years at the time of his election, and a resident of the judicial district, shall be elected from each of said districts by a plurality vote of the legal and qualified voters therein, as a judge of the said Court of Appeals, who shall hold his office for the term of ten years from the time of his election, or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, which ever may first happen, and be re-eligible thereto until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after, subject to removal for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty, misdemeanor in office, and such other causes as may be prescribed by law, by presentment of the Grand Jury and conviction of a petit jury of the county in which he may reside, or by the Governor upon the address of the General Assembly, two-thirds of the members of each house concurring in such address. The salaries of the judges of the Court of Appeals shall be two thousand five hundred dollars annually, and shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

Sec. 6. The Legislature may hereafter, should the public convenience require it, increase the number of judges of the Court of Appeals to five, in which event, a new division of the State into five judicial districts shall be made in such manner as to secure two to the Eastern and three to the Western Shore.

Sec. 7. No judge of the Court of Appeals shall sit in any case wherein he may be interested, or where either of the parties may be connected with him by affinity or consanguinity within such degrees as may be prescribed by law, or where he shall have been of counsel in the cause. When the Court of Appeals, or any two of its members shall be thus disqualified to hear and determine any cause or causes in said court, or when no judgment can be rendered in any case or cases in said court, by reason of the equal division of opinion of said judges, the same shall be certified to the Governor of the State, who shall immediately commission the requisite number of persons learned in the law for the trial and determination of said case or cases.

Sec. 8. All judges of the Court of Appeals, of the county courts, and of the courts for the city of Baltimore, shall by virtue of their offices, be conservators of the peace throughout the State. The style of all laws shall run thus "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland," all public commissions and grants thus: "The State of Maryland, &c.;" and shall be signed by the Governor, with the seal of the State annexed; all writs and process shall run in the same style, and be sealed and signed as usual, and all