

stitution and laws made pursuant thereto; and its judgments shall be final and conclusive in all cases whatever.

Sec. 2. The Court of Appeals shall hold its sessions at the seat of government, at least twice in every year, and oftener if required; in every case decided, an opinion in writing shall be filed, and provision shall be made by law for publishing reports of cases argued and determined in said court.

Sec. 3. The Court of Appeals shall consist of four Judges, learned in the law, any three of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 4. The State shall be divided into four districts to be called Superior Judicial Districts, from one of each of which a Judge shall be appointed. The districts to be composed in the following manner.—The counties of St. Mary's, Charles, Prince George's, Calvert, Anne Arundel, Montgomery and Howard, to be the 1st district. The counties, of Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Washington and Allegany, to be the 2nd district. The city of Baltimore to be the 3rd district. The counties of Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil, to be the 4th district.

Sec. 5. No person who is not a citizen of the United States, or who shall not have attained the age of 30 years, or who has not been admitted to practice law in this State, or who shall not have been a citizen of the State at least five years, and at the time of his appointment a resident of the superior judicial district, for which he shall be appointed, at least two years immediately preceding his appointment, shall be eligible to the office of a Judge of the Court of Appeals of this State.

Sec. 6. The Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed by the Governor for the time being, with the advice and consent of the Senate, one of whom shall be designated as chief judge, the others as associates, whose term of service shall be for twelve years; provided however, that no Judge shall remain in office after he has arrived at sixty-five years of age.

Sec. 7. The salary of each Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be \$2,500 annually, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office.

Sec. 8. 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 may be removed from office by the said court for incompetency, neglect of duty, misdemeanor in office, and for such other cause as may be provided for by law.

#### COUNTY COURTS.

Sec. 9. The State shall be divided into eight districts, to be called inferior judicial districts, in manner and form following, to wit: Saint Mary's, Charles and Prince George's counties, shall be the first district; Anne Arundel, Howard, Calvert and Montgomery counties, shall be the second district; Frederick and Car-