

proper person to try said cause, and may try any cause before the Court without the intervention of a jury.

Sec. 10. The Judge or Judges of any Court of this State, except the Court of Appeals, may order and direct the record of proceedings in any suit or action, issue or petition, presentment or indictment pending in such Court, to be transmitted to some other Court in the same or an adjoining Circuit having jurisdiction in such causes, whenever any party to such cause, or the counsel of any party, shall make it satisfactorily appear to the Court that such party has a substantial ground of action or defence, and cannot have a fair and impartial trial in the Court in which such suit or action, issue or petition, presentment or indictment is pending; and the General Assembly shall make such modifications of existing law as may be necessary to regulate and give force to this provision.

Sec. 11. Every person of good moral character, being a voter, shall be admitted to practice law in all the Courts of this State, in his own case.

## PART II.

### COURT OF APPEALS.

Sec. 12. The Court of Appeals shall consist of a Chief Justice and four Associate Justices, and for their selection the State shall be divided into five Judicial Districts as follows, viz: Worcester, Somerset, Dorchester, Talbot, Caroline, Queen Anne, Kent and Cecil counties, shall compose the first district; Harford and Baltimore counties, and the first seven Wards of Baltimore city, shall compose the Second District; Baltimore city, except the first seven Wards, shall compose the Third District; Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Howard and Carroll counties, shall compose the Fourth District; St. Mary's, Charles, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery counties, shall compose the Fifth District; and one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed from each of said Districts.

Sec. 13. The Court of Appeals shall hold its sessions in the city of Annapolis, on the first Monday in April, and the first Monday in October, in each and every year, or at such other times as the General Assembly may by law direct, and it shall be competent for the Judges of said Court, sufficient cause appearing to them, temporarily to transfer their sittings elsewhere.

Sec. 14. The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State, and such as now is or