

may hereafter be prescribed for it by law, and its sessions shall continue for not less than ten months in the year, if the business before it shall so require.

Sec. 15. Any three of the Judges of the Court of Appeals may constitute a quorum, but no cause shall be decided without the concurrence of at least three Judges in the decision, and in every case decided, an opinion in writing shall be filed within six months after the argument or submission of the cause, and the judgment of the Court shall be final and conclusive.

Sec. 16. The salary of the Justices of the Court of Appeals shall be four thousand dollars each per annum, payable quarterly.

Sec. 17. Provision shall be made by law for publishing reports of all causes argued and determined in the Court of Appeals.

Sec. 18. 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. 19. The State shall be divided into eight Judicial Circuits, in manner following: The counties of St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's, shall constitute the First Circuit; the counties of Calvert, Anne Arundel and Montgomery, the second; the counties of Allegany, Washington, and Frederick, the third; the counties of Baltimore, Howard and Carroll, the fourth; the counties of Harford, Cecil and Kent, the fifth; the counties of Queen Anne's, Talbot and Caroline, the sixth; the counties of Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, the seventh; and the city of Baltimore, the eighth.

Sec. 20. In each of the above named Circuits, except the eighth, there shall be three Courts, one to be held in each county; they shall be called Circuit Courts for the county in which they may be held, and shall have and exercise all the power, authority, and jurisdiction, original and appellate, which the present Circuit Courts of this State now have and exercise, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law.