

1 possibility of the legislature increasing the number of
2 judges in the intervening Court of Appeals obviously
3 contemplates that the appellate jurisdiction and possibly
4 the original jurisdiction of that court might be expanded
5 as the circumstances require.

6 Our recommendation does fix the number of the
7 judges in the highest court at seven as it is now and con-
8 templates that the purpose of that court will be appellate
9 only.

10 We did after considerable consideration decide,
11 as I indicated previously, to retain the name of Court of
12 Appeals. In some measure that was motivated by sentiment,
13 to a greater extent I think it was motivated by the desire
14 of the committee and lawyers and judges of Maryland to
15 retain the fine history and tradition of that court. It
16 has enjoyed an enviable reputation throughout the country, and
17 to perpetuate that reputation and allow the state to
18 enjoy the tremendous prestige from prior decisions in the
19 work of that court can best be preserved in the majority
20 view of the committee by retaining the name Court of
21 Appeals as the name for the highest court for the State