

or judges, shall, from time to time, investigate the expenses, costs and charges of their respective courts, with a view to a change or reduction thereof, and report the result of such investigation to the General Assembly for its action.

THE COURT OF APPEALS.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IV, PART 2ND.

THE COURT OF APPEALS—HOW CONSTITUTED—ITS JURISDICTION AND SESSIONS.

SEC. 14. The Court of Appeals shall be composed of the Chief Judges of the first seven of the several Judicial Circuits of the State, and a Judge from the City of Baltimore specially elected thereto, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as the Chief Judge; and in all cases until action by the Senate can be had, the Judge so designated by the Governor, shall act as Chief Judge. The Judge of the Court of Appeals from the city of Baltimore shall be elected by the qualified voters of said city, at the election of judges to be held therein, as hereinbefore provided; and in addition to his duties, as Judge of the Court of Appeals, shall perform such other duties as the General Assembly shall prescribe. The jurisdiction of said Court of Appeals shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State, and such as now is, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law. It shall hold its sessions in the city of Annapolis, on the first Monday in April, and the first Monday in October, of each and every year, or at such other times as the General Assembly may, by law, direct. Its sessions shall continue no less than ten months in the year, if the business before it shall so require; and it shall be competent for the judges, temporarily, to transfer their sittings elsewhere, upon sufficient cause. (The sessions by Act of Assembly have been changed to the first Monday in October, second Monday in January, first Monday in April.)

THE JUDGES BELOW NOT TO SIT—OPINIONS TO BE FILED.

SEC. 15. Four of said judges shall constitute a quorum; no cause shall be decided without the concurrence of at least three; but the judge who heard the cause below, shall not participate in the decision; in every case an opinion, in writing, shall be filed within three months after the argument, or submission of the cause; and the judgment of the Court shall be final and conclusive, and all cases shall stand for hearing at the first term after the transmission of the record.