

otherwise prescribed, and shall adopt rules to the end that all business, not requiring the interposition of a jury, shall be, as far as practicable, disposed of at said intermediate terms. One judge, in each of the above circuits, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business; and the said judges, or any of them, may hold special terms of their courts, whenever, in their discretion, the business of the several counties renders such terms necessary.

#### RIGHT OF APPEAL.

SEC. 22. When any term is held, or trial conducted, by less than the whole number of said circuit judges, upon the decision or determination of any point or question, by the court, it shall be competent to the party against whom the ruling or decision is made, upon motion, to have the point or question reserved for the consideration of the three judges of the circuit, who shall constitute a court in *banc* for such purpose; and the motion for such reservation shall be entered of record during the sitting at which such decision may be made; and the several circuit courts shall regulate, by rules, the mode and manner of presenting such points or questions to the court in *banc*, and the decision of the said court in *banc* shall be the effective decision in the premises, and conclusive, as against the party at whose motion said points or questions were reserved; but such decision in *banc* shall not preclude the right of appeal or writ of error to the adverse party, in those cases, civil or criminal, in which appeal, or writ of error to the Court of Appeals may be allowed by law. The right of having questions reserved shall not, however, apply to trials of appeals from judgments of justices of the peace, nor to criminal cases below the grade of felony, except when the punishment is confinement in the penitentiary; and this section shall be subject to such provisions as may hereafter be made by law.

#### DECISIONS IN TWO MONTHS.

SEC. 23. The judges of the respective Circuit Courts of this State, and of the Courts of Baltimore city, shall render their decisions, in all cases argued before them or submitted for their judgment, within two months after the same shall have been so argued or submitted.

#### SALARIES NOT TO BE DIMINISHED.

SEC. 24. The salary of each Chief Judge, and of the