

the respective counties, 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.

SEC. 21. For each of the said circuits (excepting the eighth and third) there shall be a chief judge and two associate judges, to be styled Judges of the Circuit Court to be elected or appointed as herein provided, and for the third circuit there shall be a Chief Judge and three associate judges to be styled Judges of the Circuit Court to be elected or appointed as herein provided.

And no two of said associate judges for any of the said circuits, except the third circuit shall, at the time of their election or appointment or during the term for which they may have been elected or appointed, reside in the same county. If two or more persons shall be candidates for associate judge in the same county in any of the circuits, except the third circuit, that one only in said county shall be declared elected who has the highest number of votes in the circuit. In case any two candidates for associate judge in any of the circuits, except the third circuit, residing in the same county, shall have an equal number of votes greater than any other candidate for associate judge in the circuit, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election for one associate judge; but the person residing in any other county of the circuit and who has the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected. The said judges shall hold not less than two terms of the Circuit Court in each of the counties composing their respective circuits, at such times as are now or may hereafter be prescribed to which jurors shall be summoned; and in those counties where only two such terms are held, two other and intermediate terms, to which jurors shall not be summoned; they may alter or fix the times for holding any or all terms, until otherwise prescribed, and shall adopt rules to the end that all business not requiring the inter-position of the jury shall be, as far as practicable, disposed of at said intermediate terms.

One judge in each of the above circuits, including the third circuit, 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.

The additional associate judge for the third circuit herein provided for, shall be elected by the qualified voters of Baltimore and Harford counties, at the first election that shall be held in said counties subsequent to the adoption of this amendment, and the judge so elected shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold his office for the same term of