

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
	of each Judge of the Court of Appeals shall begin on the date of his qualification except that each of the judges of the Court of Appeals in office at the time this amendment to the Constitution takes effect shall continue to hold office for the balance of the term for which he was elected or appointed or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, whichever may first happen. One of the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be designated by the Governor as the Chief Judge. The jurisdiction of the 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 at such time or times as it shall from time to time by rule prescribe. Its session or sessions shall continue not less than ten months in each 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 salary of each Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be that now or hereafter prescribed by the General Assembly and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office. Five of the judges shall constitute a quorum, and five judges shall sit in each case unless the Court shall direct that an additional judge or judges sit for any case. The concurrence of a majority of those sitting shall be sufficient for the decision of any	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 not 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. 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.	the Court of Appeals shall continue to act as such until the expiration of the term for which they were respectively elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified; and an election for a Justice of the Court of Appeals, to be taken from the Fourth Judicial District, shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four. Sec. 18. The Court of Appeals shall hold its sessions in the City of Annapolis, on the first Monday in April and the first Monday of October, of each and every year, or at such other times as the General Assembly may by law direct, and it shall be competent for the Justices of said Court, sufficient cause appearing to them, temporarily to transfer their sittings elsewhere. Sec. 19. The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State, and such as now is or 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. 20. Any three of the Justices of the Court of Appeals may constitute a quorum, but no cause shall be decided without the concurrence of at least three Justices in the decision; and in every case decided an opinion in writing shall be filed within three months

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Sec. 4. The State shall be divided into four Judicial districts: Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll, Baltimore and Harford counties, shall compose the first; Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel, Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's, the second; Baltimore city, the third; and Cecil, Kent Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, shall compose the fourth district. And one person from among those learned in the law, having been admitted to practice in this State, and who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years, and above the age of thirty years at the time of his election, and a resident of the judicial district, shall be elected from each of said districts by the legal and qualified voters therein, as a judge of the said Court of Appeals, who shall hold his office for the term of ten years from the time of his election, or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, which ever may first happen, and be re-eligible thereto until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after, subject to removal for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty or misbehaviour in office, on conviction in a court of law, or by the Governor upon the address of the General Assembly, two-thirds of the members of each House concurring in such address; and the salary of each of the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be two thousand five hundred dollars		Court shall withdraw from the Bench upon the deciding of the same case before the Court of Appeals; and the Judges of the Court of Appeals may appoint the Clerks of said Court for the Western and Eastern Shores respectively, who shall hold their appointments during good behavior, removable only for misbehavior, on conviction in a Court of Law; and, in case of death, resignation, disqualification or removal out of the State, or from their respective Shores, of either of the said Clerks in the vacation of the said Court, the Governor, with the advice of the Council, may appoint and commission a fit and proper person to such vacant Office, to hold the same until the next meeting of the said Court; and all Laws passed after this act shall take effect shall be recorded in the Office of the Court of Appeals of the Western Shore. Sec. 1. This State shall be divided into six Judicial Districts, in manner and form following, to wit, Saint Mary's, Charles and Prince George's Counties, shall be the first District; Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties shall be the second District; Calvert, Anne Arundel and Montgomery Counties, shall be the third District; Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester Counties, shall be the fourth district; Frederick, Washington and Allegany Counties, shall be the fifth District; Baltimore and Harford Counties shall be the sixth District; and