

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
<p>Circuit Courts: Composition of circuits.</p>	<p>rules of practice and procedure shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Court of Appeals or otherwise by law.</p> <p>Part III. Circuit Courts.</p> <p>Sec. 19. The State shall be divided into eight Judicial Circuits, in manner following, viz: the Counties of Worcester, Wicomico, Somerset, and Dorchester, shall constitute the First Circuit; the Counties of Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil, the Second; the Counties of Baltimore and Harford, the Third; the Counties of Allegany, Garrett, and Washington, the Fourth; the Counties of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel, the Fifth; the Counties of Montgomery and Frederick, the Sixth; the Counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's, the Seventh; and Baltimore City, the Eighth.</p>	<p>Part III. Circuit Courts.</p> <p>Sec. 19. The State shall be divided into eight Judicial Circuits, in manner following, viz: the Counties of Worcester, Somerset and Dorchester, shall constitute the First Circuit; the Counties of Caroline, Talbot, Queen Anne's, Kent and Cecil, the Second; the Counties of Baltimore and Harford, the Third; the Counties of Allegany and Washington, the Fourth; the Counties of Carroll, Howard and Anne Arundel, the Fifth; the Counties of Montgomery and Frederick, the Sixth; the Counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's, the Seventh; and Baltimore City, the Eighth.</p>	<p>Part III. Circuit Courts.</p> <p>Sec. 24. The State shall be divided into thirteen Judicial Circuits, in manner following: The Counties of St. Mary's and Charles shall constitute the First Circuit; the Counties of Anne Arundel and Calvert, the Second; the Counties of Prince George's and Montgomery, the Third; the County of Frederick, the Fourth; the County of Washington, the Fifth; the County of Allegany, the Sixth; the Counties of Carroll and Howard, the Seventh; the County of Baltimore, the Eighth; the Counties of Harford and Cecil, the Ninth; the Counties of Kent and Queen Anne's, the Tenth; the Counties of Talbot and Caroline, the Eleventh; the Counties of Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester, the Twelfth; and the city of Baltimore, the Thirteenth.</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution
<p>Sec. 8. The State shall be divided into eight Judicial Circuits, in manner and form following, to wit: St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's counties shall be the first; Anne Arundel, Howard, Calvert and Montgomery counties shall be the second; Frederick and Carroll counties shall be the third; Washington and Allegany counties shall be the fourth; Baltimore city shall be the fifth; Baltimore, Harford and Cecil counties shall be the sixth; Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Caroline counties shall be the seventh; and Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties shall be the eighth; and there shall be elected as hereinafter directed for each of the said Judicial Circuits, except the fifth, 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 Circuit to be Judge thereof; the said Judges shall be styled Circuit Judges, and shall respectively hold a term of their courts at least twice in each year, or oftener if required by law, in each county composing their respective circuits; and the said courts shall be</p>		<p>Proposed by Act of 1804, chapter 55. Ratified 1805.</p> <p>Section 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 there shall be appointed for each of the said Judicial Districts three persons of Integrity and sound legal knowledge, residents of the State of Maryland, who shall previous to and during their acting as Judges, reside in the District for which they shall respectively be appointed, one of whom shall be styled in the Commission Chief Judge, and the other two Associate Judges of the District for which they shall be appointed; and the chief Judge, together with the two Associate Judges, shall compose the County Courts in each respective District; . . .</p>