

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 years, receive the same compensation and have the same powers as are herein provided for the other associate judges in the third circuit.*

SEC. 22. Where 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 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.

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.

SEC. 24. The salary of each Chief Judge and of the Judge of the Court of Appeals from the city of Baltimore shall be three thousand five hundred dollars, and of each Associate

* Thus amended by Chapter 515, Acts of 1912, ratified by the people November 4, 1913.