

JUDGES DISQUALIFIED.

SEC. 7. No Judge shall sit in any case wherein he may be interested, or where either of the parties may be connected with him, by affinity or consanguinity, within such degrees as now are, or may hereafter be prescribed by Law, or, where he shall have been of counsel in the case.

TRIAL WITHOUT JURY—REMOVAL OF CASES.

SEC. 8. The parties to any cause may submit the same to the Court for determination, without the aid of a jury.

OFFICERS OF COURTS—COMPENSATION—JUDGES TO INVESTIGATE EXPENSES.

SEC. 9. The Judge, or Judges of any Court, may appoint such officers for their respective Courts as may be found necessary; and such officers of the Courts in the City of Baltimore shall be appointed by the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to prescribe, by Law, a fixed compensation for all such officers; and said Judge, or Judges, shall, from time to time, investigate the expenses, costs and charges of their respective Courts, with a view to a change or reduction thereof, and report the result of such investigation to the General Assembly for its action.

THE COURT OF APPEALS.

CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IV, PART 2ND.

THE COURT OF APPEALS—HOW CONSTITUTED—ITS JURISDICTION AND SESSIONS.

SEC. 14. The Courts of Appeals shall be composed of the Chief Judges of the first seven of the several Judicial Circuits of the State, and a Judge from the City of Baltimore specially elected thereto, one of whom shall be designated by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, as the Chief Judge; and in all cases until action by the Senate can be had, the Judge so designated by the Governor, shall act as Chief Judge. The Judge of the Court of Appeals from the City of Baltimore shall be elected by the