

county. If two or more persons shall be candidates for associate judge in the same county in any of the circuits, except the third, sixth and seventh circuits, 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, sixth and seventh circuits, residing in the same county shall have an equal number of votes greater than any other candidates 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 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 interposition of the jury shall be, as far as practicable, disposed of at such intermediate terms. One judge in each of the above circuits, including the second, the third, sixth and seventh circuits, 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.

In the Third Circuit, two of said Associate Judges shall at all times be bona fide residents of Baltimore County and one of said Associate Judges or the Chief Judge be a bona fide resident of Harford County, and said Judges shall have been such residents six months prior to their appointment or election.

The additional associate Judge for the second circuit herein provided for shall be a resident of Cecil County, shall be appointed by the Governor after the expiration of six (6) months after the adoption of this amendment and shall serve until the first general election for members of the General Assembly that shall be held in said circuit subsequent to the adoption of this amendment, at which election his successor shall be elected by the qualified voters of Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties, constituting the second circuit. The judge so appointed shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, receive the same compensation and have the same powers as are herein provided for the other associate judges in the second circuit, and the judge so elected shall be subject to