

this amendment, at which election his successor shall be elected by the qualified voters of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties. No member of the General Assembly of 1939, otherwise qualified, shall be ineligible for appointment or election as such associate judge by reason of his membership in the General Assembly. 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 seventh circuit, and the judge so elected and his successors shall, subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold 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 seventh circuit. No two of the associate judges for the seventh circuit shall at the time of their election or appointment or during the term for which they may have been elected or appointed reside in the same county, except in Prince George's County, in which county two of said associate judges for the said circuit shall reside at the time of their appointment or election and during the term for which they may have been appointed or elected unless the chief judge of said circuit shall already reside in said county, in which event only one of said associate judges shall reside in Prince George's County and Prince George's County shall at all times have two resident Judges and no more, such Judges to be either the Chief Judge of the Seventh Circuit and one associate Judge or two associate Judges of said Circuit. In case any candidate or candidates for associate judge at any judicial election held in the seventh judicial circuit shall receive sufficient votes to cause such candidate or candidates to be elected, but the election of such candidate or candidates would cause more associate judges than herein permitted to reside in any county of said circuit, then and in that event only that candidate or those candidates, as the case may be, residing in said county in the order of the votes received shall be declared elected whose election would provide the permitted number of associate judges from said county, and the candidate or candidates, as the case may be, residing in some other county, and not similarly disqualified, who shall have the next highest number of votes in said election shall be declared elected. If, by reason of such a condition or by reason of an equal vote for two or more candidates a sufficient number of associate judges duly qualified as to residence as above set out should not be elected at any election in said seventh judicial circuit, then it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election for such unfilled office or offices.

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

* Thus amended by Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1941 and ratified by the people at the November election, 1942.