

in the number of Judges pursuant to this Section, shall appoint an Associate Judge for such term, not exceeding eight years and expiring on the thirty-first day of December immediately following a Congressional election, as the law creating such office shall prescribe. If any vacancy occurs during any such original term, the Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of such term. After the expiration of said original terms, the terms of office of said Court shall be for eight years from the expiration of the preceding term, and shall be filled as follows:

(1) Any incumbent Judge of said Court shall be eligible, at the Congressional election immediately preceding the expiration of his period of appointment or term, for election or re-election to succeed himself (a) for a full term of eight years, except as provided in (b) hereof; or (b) for the unexpired remainder of the current eight year term, if his appointment will expire before the end of such term. No person other than an incumbent Judge shall be eligible for election to said Court.

(2) Whenever a vacancy shall occur on said Court from any cause the Governor shall appoint to said Court a Judge who shall hold office under such appointment until the thirty-first day of December immediately following the first Congressional election occurring six months or more after the date of his appointment. No Judge of said Court, who has stood for election to succeed himself and not been elected, shall thereafter be appointed to said Court, and no Judge of said Court, who has failed to stand for election when eligible, shall be appointed to succeed himself.

(3) In order to qualify for election or re-election an incumbent Judge shall file with the Supervisors of Election of Baltimore City not later than thirty days before the date of the applicable election a certificate signed and duly acknowledged, stating the basis of his eligibility and the term or remainder of term for which he is eligible for election. Thereupon, the name of such Judge, together with a statement of the term or remainder of term for which he is eligible, shall be placed upon the ballot to be used in said City in such election, with no party designation whatever and with no opposing candidate, with space provided to permit any voter to cast his vote for or against the continuance in office of such Judge; if the votes cast for the continuance in office of such Judge represent a majority of all the votes cast for or against his continuance in of-