

## CHAPTER NO. 607

AN ACT to propose an amendment to SECTION 3 AND Section 21 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department", sub-title "Circuit Courts", ~~repealing and re-enacting this section, with amendments, to provide that there shall be one judge for every county to be elected from and by the voters of each such county, and to clarify said section and remove obsolete provisions therefrom.~~ TO PROVIDE THAT THERE SHALL BE AT LEAST ONE JUDGE FOR EVERY COUNTY IN THIS STATE EXCEPT IN THE FIRST AND SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS CREATING AN ADDITIONAL JUDGESHIP IN ANNE ARUNDEL, BALTIMORE, MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTIES PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF SELECTING THE JUDGES OF ALL CIRCUIT COURTS IN THIS STATE, CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF SAID SECTION, REMOVING OBSOLETE PROVISIONS THEREFROM AND TO SUBMIT THIS AMENDMENT TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE STATE FOR ADOPTION OR REJECTION.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* that SECTION 3 AND Section 21 of Article 4 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department", sub-title "Circuit Courts", be and ~~it is~~ THEY ARE hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3. THE JUDGES OF THE SAID SEVERAL COURTS SHALL BE ELECTED IN BALTIMORE CITY AND IN EACH COUNTY, BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AND OF EACH COUNTY, RESPECTIVELY, EXCEPT THAT IN THE FIRST AND SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS THE SAID JUDGES OF THE SEVERAL COURTS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN EACH RESPECTIVE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, ALL OF THE SAID JUDGES TO BE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER, AS NOW PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION. EACH OF THE SAID JUDGES SHALL HOLD HIS OFFICE FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS FROM THE TIME OF HIS ELECTION, AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED, OR