

UNTIL HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS, WHICHEVER MAY FIRST HAPPEN, AND BE RE-ELIGIBLE THERETO UNTIL HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS, AND NOT AFTER. PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY JUDGE WHOSE TERM HAS BEEN EXTENDED BEYOND THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO APRIL 7, 1931, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EACH CASE. IN CASE OF THE INABILITY OF ANY OF SAID JUDGES TO DISCHARGE HIS DUTIES WITH EFFICIENCY, BY REASON OF CONTINUED SICKNESS, OR OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INFIRMITY, IT SHALL BE IN THE POWER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE CONCURRING, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, TO RETIRE SAID JUDGE FROM OFFICE.

21. From and after January 1, [1945] 1955, there shall be IN THE THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH CIRCUITS at least [three judges] *one judge for [the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh circuits] each county, who shall be a resident of the county in which he shall hold office, and who shall be elected by the voters thereof,* to be styled judges of the Circuit Court, to be elected or appointed as herein provided. [In any of said circuits in which there shall be more than three judges (including the additional judge of the Court of Appeals), no successor to the additional judge of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed or elected as judge of said circuit. In any of said circuits in which there shall be only three judges (including an additional judge of the Court of Appeals), a successor to the additional judge of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed and elected as judge of said circuit.] The [aforesaid] number of judges for any of the [circuits shall be subject to increase or decrease by law] CIRCUITS OR FOR ANY OF THE counties may be increased or decreased by the General Assembly from time to time, AND ANY VACANCY SO CREATED SHALL BE FILLED as provided in Section 5 of this Article [.] *except that IN THE THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUITS there shall never be less than one judge for each county* ~~or~~ AND ALL OF THE CIRCUITS THERE SHALL NEVER BE *less than three for each circuit.* The senior judge in length of service shall be the