

SEC. 13. All Public Commissions and Grants shall run thus: "The State of Maryland, etc.," and shall be signed by the Governor, with the Seal of the State annexed; all writs and process shall run in the same style, and be tested, sealed and signed, as heretofore, or as may hereafter be, provided by Law; and all indictments shall conclude, "against the peace, government and dignity of the State."

SEC. 13A. The General Assembly shall provide by General Law for the assignment by the Court of Appeals of any of the Chief Judges and any of the Associate Judges of the several Judicial Circuits of this State, including any Judge of the Court of Appeals from Baltimore City, and any of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore, to sit in any other or different Judicial Circuits for designated and limited periods, for the purpose of relieving accumulation of business or because of the indisposition or disqualification of any judge. And any judge so assigned by the Court of Appeals shall have all the power and authority pertaining to the judge of the court to which he is assigned.

#### *Part II—Court of Appeals.*

SEC. 14. The Court of Appeals shall be composed of five Judges, two from the City of Baltimore; one from the First Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties; one from the Second Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Harford, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties; and one from the Third Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties. The City of Baltimore shall, for the purposes of this section, be designated as the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit. The Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected by the qualified voters of their respective Appellate Judicial Circuits, their terms to begin on the date of their qualification. One of the judges of the Court of Appeals shall be designated by the Governor as the Chief Judge. The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State and such as now is or may hereafter be prescribed by law. It shall hold its sessions in the City of Annapolis at such time or times as it shall from time to time by rule prescribe. Its session or sessions shall continue not less than ten months in each year, if the business before it

<sup>1</sup> Added by Chapter 796, Acts of 1943, ratified Nov. 7, 1944.