

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 shall so require, and it shall be competent for the judges temporarily to transfer their sittings elsewhere upon sufficient cause. The salary of each judge of the Court of Appeals shall be that now or hereafter prescribed by the General Assembly and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office. Three of the judges shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of a quorum shall be sufficient for the decision of any cause.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>2</sup> SEC. 15. The Judge who heard the cause below shall not participate in the decision; in every case an opinion, in writing, shall be filed within three months after the argument, or submission of the cause; and the judgment of the Court shall be final and conclusive; and all cases shall stand

<sup>1</sup>Thus amended by Chapter 772, Acts of 1943, ratified November 7, 1944; and by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, adopted November 6, 1956.

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