

¹ SEC. 18. It shall be the duty of the Judges of the Court of Appeals to make and publish rules and regulations for the prosecution of appeals to the appellate Courts, whereby they shall prescribe the periods within which appeals may be taken, what part or parts of the proceedings in the Court below shall constitute the record on appeal, and the manner in which such appeals shall be brought to hearing or determination, and shall regulate, generally, the practice of said Court of Appeals and any intermediate Courts of Appeal, so as to prevent delays, and promote brevity in all records and proceedings brought into said Courts, and to abolish and avoid all unnecessary costs and expenses in the prosecution of appeals therein; and the said Judges shall make such reduction in the fees and expenses of the said Courts as they may deem advisable. It shall also be the duty of said Judges of the Court of Appeals to devise, and promulgate by rules, or orders, forms and modes of framing and filing bills, answers, and other proceedings and pleadings in Equity; and also forms and modes of taking and obtaining evidence, to be used in Equity cases; and to revise and regulate, generally, the practice in the Courts of Equity of this State, so as to prevent delays, and to promote brevity and conciseness in all pleadings and proceedings therein, and to abolish all unnecessary costs and expenses attending the same. And all rules and regulations hereby directed to be made, shall, when made, have the force of Law, until rescinded, changed, or modified by the said Judges, or the General Assembly.

¹ SEC. 18A. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall be the administrative head of the judicial system of the State. He shall from time to time require, from each of the judges of the Circuit Courts for the several counties and of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and of any intermediate courts of appeal, reports as to the judicial work and business of each of the judges and their respective courts. He may, in case of a vacancy or of the illness, disqualification or other absence of any judge of the Court of Appeals or of any intermediate Court of Appeal, or for the purpose of relieving an accumulation of business in any of said courts, designate and assign any judge of the Court of Appeals (if the assignment is to be made to an intermediate Court of Appeal), any judge of any intermediate Court of Appeal (other than that to which the assignment is to be made), any judge of any of the Circuit Courts for the counties, or any Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City to sit in any case or cases or for a specified period

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 10, Acts of 1966, ratified November 8, 1966.