

qualification 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 as a Judge of the Court of Appeals or of any intermediate Court of Appeal (as the case may be) in lieu of a judge of such court. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals also may designate and assign, to sit as a Judge of the Circuit Court for any county or the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and of any other court or courts of Baltimore City which may be held by a Judge of said Supreme Bench, either alone or with one or more other judges, in any case or cases or for a specified period, any Judge of the Court of Appeals or of any intermediate Court of Appeal or of any other circuit court or of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. Any judge designated and assigned by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals pursuant to this section shall have all the power and authority pertaining to a judge of the court to which he is so assigned; and his power and authority shall continue with respect to all cases (including any motions or other matters incidental thereto) which may come before him by virtue of such designation and assignment until his action thereon shall be completed. In the absence of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals the provisions of this section shall be applicable to the senior judge present in said Court of Appeals. The powers of the Chief Judge under the foregoing provisions of this section shall be subject to such rules and regulations, if any, as the Court of Appeals may make. The Court of Appeals from time to time shall make rules and regulations to revise the practice and procedure in the appellate courts and in the other courts of this State, which shall have the force of law until rescinded, changed or modified by the Court of Appeals or otherwise by law. The power of the courts other than the Court of Appeals to make rules of practice and procedure shall be subject to the rules and regulations prescribed by the Court of Appeals or otherwise by law.

Part III—Circuit Courts.

¹ SEC. 19. The State shall be divided into eight Judicial Circuits, in manner following, viz.: The Counties of Wor-

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified November 6, 1956.