

del, Carroll and Howard counties; and two from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit consisting of Baltimore City. The Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be residents of their respective Appellate Judicial Circuits. 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. Five of the judges shall constitute a quorum, and five judges shall sit in each case unless the Court shall direct that an additional judge or judges sit for any case. The concurrence of a majority of those sitting shall be sufficient for the decision of any cause, and an equal division of those sitting in a case has the effect of affirming the decision appeal from if there is no application for re-argument as hereinafter provided. In any case where there is an equal division or a three to two division of the Court a re-argument before the full Court of seven judges shall be granted to the losing party upon application as a matter of right.

Part III—Circuit Courts

21. Number, eligibility, appointment and terms of judges; residence requirements; chief judge and associate judges; quorum; terms of court; effect upon other provisions.

From and after January 1, 1955, there shall be in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh circuits at least one judge for each county, who shall be a resident of the county in which he shall hold office, to be styled judges of the Circuit Court. The number of judges for any of the 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 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 and in all of the circuits there shall never be less than four for each circuit. The senior judge in