

length of service shall be the chief judge of the circuit; the other judge or judges shall be associate judges. In the first and second judicial circuits no two of said judges of the Circuit Court shall at the time of their appointment, or during their terms, reside in any one county, except in Cecil County wherein two said judges may reside at one time, provided that each of the other counties within the second judicial circuit shall have at least one judge resident therein. From and after December 1, 1954, there shall be not less than two judges resident in Anne Arundel County, and not less than three judges resident in Baltimore County. From and after December 1, 1960, there shall be not less than four judges resident in Prince George's County. From and after December 1, 1960, there shall be not less than five judges resident in Montgomery County.

The said judges shall hold such terms of the Circuit Court in each of the counties composing their respective circuits, at such times as are now prescribed or may hereafter be prescribed by rules or regulations by the Court of Appeals or otherwise by law. One judge in each of the first seven circuits shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business; and the said judges, or any of them, may hold special terms of their Courts, when in their discretion, the business of the several counties renders such terms necessary.

Part IV—Courts of Baltimore City

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There shall be in said city the number of Associate Judges required by the General Assembly, who, together, shall constitute the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and shall hold their offices subject to the provisions of this Constitution with regard to the appointment, confirmation and qualifications of Judges, and their removal from office, and shall exercise the jurisdiction, herein specified, and shall each receive an annual salary which shall not be diminished during their term of office.

32. Duties of Supreme Bench of Baltimore City as to assignment of judges to courts of Baltimore City.

It shall be the duty of the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, from time to time, to provide for the holding of each of the aforesaid Courts, by the assignment of one, or more of their number to each of the said Courts, who may sit either, separately, or together, in the trial of cases; and the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may from time