

to time, change the said assignment, as circumstances may require, and the public interest may demand; and the Judge, or Judges, so assigned to the said several Courts, shall, when holding the same, have all the powers and exercise all the jurisdiction, which may belong to the Court so being held; and it shall also be the duty of the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, in case of the sickness, absence or disability of any Judge or Judges, assigned as aforesaid, to provide for the hearing of the cases, or transaction of the business assigned to said Judge or Judges, as aforesaid, before some one, or more of the Judges of said Court.

### 39. Powers of General Assembly.

The General Assembly shall, as often as it may think the same proper and expedient, provide by law for an additional judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and whenever provision is so made by the General Assembly, the Governor shall appoint another Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City pursuant to the provisions of this Article; and the General Assembly may provide by laws, or the Supreme Bench by its rules, for requiring causes in any of the Courts of Baltimore City to be tried before the Court without a jury, unless the litigants or some one of them shall within such reasonable time or times as may be prescribed, elect to have their causes tried before a jury. And the General Assembly may reapportion, change or enlarge the jurisdiction of the several Courts in said City.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing sections and repealers hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland at the next ensuing general election to be held in this State, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendment" and "Against the Constitutional Amendment" as now provided by law, and immediately after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article XIV.

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