

Chapter 789—Acts of 1969

An Act to propose certain amendments to the Constitution of Maryland by the amendment of Sections 1, 2, 4A, 4B, and 18A of Article IV, title "Judiciary Department," subtitles "Part I—General Provisions" and "Part II—Courts of Appeal"; and by the amendment of Section 6 of Article XV, title "Miscellaneous"; and by the repeal of Sections 41A, 41B and 41C of Article IV thereof, subtitles "Part V-A—People's Courts" and "Part V-B—Municipal Court"; and by the repeal of Sections 42 and 43 of Article IV, subtitle "Part VI—Justices of the Peace"; and by the enactment of new Sections 41A to 41-I, inclusive, in said Article IV, subtitle "Part VI—District Court," providing that the powers of the Commission on Judicial Disabilities shall include the power to require persons to testify and produce evidence by granting them immunity from prosecution or from penalty or forfeiture; that said Commission may recommend to the Court of Appeals the removal or retirement of a judge; that the Court of Appeals shall prescribe rules concerning the Commission; that the Court of Appeals, upon recommendation of the Commission, after a hearing and upon making certain findings, may remove a judge from office, censure him or retire him from office; that a judge so removed and his surviving spouse shall have rights and privileges accruing from his judicial service only to the extent prescribed by the order of removal; that a judge so retired shall have the rights and privileges prescribed by law for other retired judges; that no judge shall sit in any hearing involving his own removal or retirement; creating a system of District Courts in this State, providing for the appointment and confirmation by the Senate of judges in these courts, making provision for the jurisdiction, powers, duties, and operations of the several District Courts, changing the powers and duties of certain other officers and agencies with respect to the District Courts, abolishing certain other courts and judicial officers being superseded by the District Courts and its judges, relating generally to a system of District Courts in this State authorizing procedures for the postponement of the creation of certain District Courts, and submitting these amendments to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.