

(1976) and the amendments to those sections proposed by House Bill 1048 (1976) are ratified by the voters at the election in Nov. 1976, the amendments to those sections proposed in House Bill 972, Senate Bill 390 (1976) shall take effect.

SEC. 22.¹²⁷ Where any Term is held, or trial conducted by less than the whole number of said Circuit Judges, upon the decision or determination of any point, or question, by the Court, it shall be competent to the party, against whom the ruling or decision is made, upon motion, to have the point, or question reserved for the consideration of the three Judges of the Circuit, who shall constitute a court in *banc* for such purpose; and the motion for such reservation shall be entered of record, during the sitting, at which such decision may be made; and the several Circuit Courts shall regulate, by rules, the mode and manner of presenting such points, or questions to the court in *banc*, and the decision of the said Court in *banc* shall be the effective decision in the premises, and conclusive, as against the party, at whose motion said points, or questions were reserved; but such decision in *banc* shall not preclude the right of Appeal, or writ of error to the adverse party, in those cases, civil or criminal, in which appeal, or writ of error to the Court of Appeals may be allowed by Law. The right of having questions reserved shall not, however, apply to trials of Appeals from judgments of the District Court, nor to criminal cases below the grade of felony, except when the punishment is confinement in the Penitentiary; and this Section shall be subject to such provisions as may hereafter be made by Law.

SEC. 23.¹²⁸ The Judges of the respective Circuit Courts of this State shall render their decisions, in all cases argued before them, or submitted for their judgment, within two months after the same shall have been so argued or submitted.

SEC. 24.¹²⁹ The salary of each Chief Judge and of each Associate Judge of the Circuit Court shall not be diminished during his continuance in office.

SEC. 25.¹³⁰ There shall be a Clerk of the Circuit Court for each County and Baltimore City, who shall be elected by a plurality of the qualified voters of said County or City, and shall hold this office for four years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and

qualified, and be re-eligible, subject to be removed for wilful neglect of duty or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a Court of Law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Clerk of a Circuit Court, the Judges of that Court may fill the vacancy until the general election for Delegates to the General Assembly, to be held next thereafter, when a successor shall be elected for the term of four years.

SEC. 26.¹³¹ Deputy clerks and other employees of the office of the Clerk shall be appointed and removed according to procedures set by law.

Part IV—Courts of Baltimore City.

SEC. 27.¹³² Vacant.

SEC. 28.¹³³ Vacant.

SEC. 29.¹³⁴ Vacant.

SEC. 30.¹³⁵ Vacant.

SEC. 31.¹³⁶ Vacant.

SEC. 31A.¹³⁷ Vacant.

SEC. 32.¹³⁸ Vacant.

SEC. 33.¹³⁹ Vacant.

SEC. 34.¹⁴⁰ Vacant.

SEC. 35.¹⁴¹ Vacant.

SEC. 36.¹⁴² Vacant.

SEC. 37.¹⁴³ Vacant.

SEC. 38.¹⁴⁴ Vacant.

SEC. 39.¹⁴⁵ Vacant.

Part V—Orphans' Court.

SEC. 40.¹⁴⁶ The qualified voters of the City of Baltimore, and of the several Counties, except Montgomery County and Harford County, shall elect three Judges of the Orphans' Courts of City and Counties, respectively, who shall be citizens of the State and residents for the twelve months preceding, in the City or County for which they may be elected. They shall have all the powers now vested

126 Added by Chapter 542, Acts of 1976, ratified Nov. 2, 1976.

127 Amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

128 Amended by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

129 Amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified Nov. 6, 1956.

130 Amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified Nov. 6, 1956; Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

131 Amended by Chapter 376, Acts of 1972, ratified Nov. 7, 1972; Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974; Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980; Chapter 62, Acts of 1990, ratified Nov. 6, 1990.

132 Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

133 Amended by Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

134 Amended by Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

135 Amended by Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

136 Amended by Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

137 Added by Chapter 116, Acts of 1924, ratified Nov. 2, 1926. Repealed by Chapter 617, Acts of 1968, ratified Nov. 5, 1968.

138 Amended by Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

139 Amended by Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

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142 Repealed by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.

143 Amended by Chapter 99, Acts of 1956, ratified Nov. 6, 1956; Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

144 Amended by Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

145 Added by Chapter 313, Acts of 1892, ratified Nov. 7, 1893. Amended by Chapter 889, Acts of 1974, ratified Nov. 5, 1974. Repealed by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified Nov. 4, 1980.

146 Amended by Chapters 99 and 124, Acts of 1956, ratified Nov. 6, 1956; Chapter 744, Acts of 1963, ratified Nov. 3, 1964; Chapter 374, Acts of 1972, ratified Nov. 7, 1972; Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified Nov. 7, 1978.