

judges, and to secure some measure of it were willing to have judicial terms made long. The vote for adoption of the system of elections was 49 to 23.

It was further decided that thenceforth there should be only one Court of Appeals for the whole state, to sit at Annapolis, on the Western Shore, and that this court and the trial courts should have separate judges, or justices,—both words were used—the Court of Appeals no longer to be made up of chief judges of the trial courts. Four justices from as many districts of the state were to be elected to the Court of Appeals, one to be chosen by the people in each district. The counties on the Western Shore principally north of a line drawn east and west through Baltimore City were to constitute the first district; counties south of that line, the second district; Baltimore City, then newly erected into a separate jurisdiction, the third district; and the Eastern Shore counties, the fourth district. Another grouping was to be made of trial courts for the selection of trial judges, and the groups were to be called by the name, then new in Maryland, “circuits.” There were to be eight of these: the first, of St. Mary’s, Charles, and Prince George’s County; second, of Anne Arundel, Howard (newly erected), Calvert and Montgomery; third, of Frederick and Carroll; fourth, of Washington and Allegany; fifth, of Baltimore City; sixth of Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties; seventh, of Kent, Queen Anne’s, Talbot, and Caroline; and eighth, of Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties. These circuits were to have one