

Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department", sub-title "Circuit Courts", be and ~~it is~~ **THEY ARE** hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

3. THE JUDGES OF THE SAID SEVERAL COURTS SHALL BE ELECTED IN BALTIMORE CITY AND IN EACH COUNTY, BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AND OF EACH COUNTY, RESPECTIVELY, EXCEPT THAT IN THE FIRST AND SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS THE SAID JUDGES OF THE SEVERAL COURTS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN EACH RESPECTIVE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AS HEREINAFTER PROVIDED, ALL OF THE SAID JUDGES TO BE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON THE TUESDAY AFTER THE FIRST MONDAY IN NOVEMBER, AS NOW PROVIDED FOR IN THE CONSTITUTION. EACH OF THE SAID JUDGES SHALL HOLD HIS OFFICE FOR THE TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS FROM THE TIME OF HIS ELECTION, AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS ELECTED AND QUALIFIED, OR UNTIL HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS, WHICHEVER MAY FIRST HAPPEN, AND BE RE-ELIGIBLE THERETO UNTIL HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS, AND NOT AFTER. ~~PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT ANY JUDGE WHOSE TERM HAS BEEN EXTENDED BEYOND THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRIOR TO APRIL 7, 1931, SHALL BE PERMITTED TO CONTINUE IN OFFICE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN EACH CASE.~~ IN CASE OF THE INABILITY OF ANY OF SAID JUDGES TO DISCHARGE HIS DUTIES WITH EFFICIENCY, BY REASON OF CONTINUED SICKNESS, OR OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL INFIRMITY, IT SHALL BE IN THE POWER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TWO-THIRDS OF THE MEMBERS OF EACH HOUSE CONCURRING, WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR, TO RETIRE SAID JUDGE FROM OFFICE.

21. From and after January 1, [1945] 1955, there shall be IN THE THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH AND SEVENTH CIRCUITS at least [three judges] *one judge for [the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh circuits] each county, who shall be a resident of the county in which he shall hold office, and who shall be elected by the voters thereof,* to be styled judges of the