

### **Section 17. Pending Causes—Courts of Limited Jurisdiction.**

The first sentence of section 5.10, all of section 5.11 and all of section 5.12 shall become effective on January 1, 1970. Any matter pending on December 31, 1969, before a justice of the peace or any People's Court or Municipal Court or in the Housing Court of Baltimore County shall be decided or otherwise disposed of in the District Court in the county in which the matter was pending on December 31, 1969, unless thereafter lawfully removed.

### **Section 18. Uniform Jurisdiction.**

The third sentence of section 5.08 and the second sentence of section 5.10 shall become effective January 1, 1971, except as to matters then pending. Until January 1, 1971, the provisions of the second paragraph of article IV, section 20, of the prior Constitution shall remain in effect.

### **Section 19. Continuance in Judicial Office.**

Each judge of (a) the Court of Appeals, (b) the Court of Special Appeals, and (c) the first and second judicial circuits, the Circuit Courts for the counties, and the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, in office on June 30, 1968, shall continue in office as a judge, respectively, of (a) the Court of Appeals created by this Constitution, (b) the Intermediate Appellate Court, and (c) the Superior Court, for the balance of the term for which he was appointed or elected, unless sooner removed, retired or convicted after impeachment pursuant to the provisions of this Constitution.

### **Section 20. Continuance in Office—Chief Judges of Appellate Courts.**

The chief judge of the Court of Appeals and the chief judge of the Court of Special Appeals in office on June 30, 1968, shall be the chief judge, respectively, of the Court of Appeals created by this Constitution, and of the Intermediate Appellate Court for the remainder of his service on such court, or until he resigns the office of chief judge.