

## Section 16. **Statutory References to Courts.**

Except where inconsistent with this Constitution, the Schedule of Transitional Provisions, or this Schedule:

(a) All statutory references to the Court of Appeals shall be deemed to refer to the Court of Appeals established by this Constitution.

(b) All statutory references to the Court of Special Appeals shall be deemed to refer to the Intermediate Appellate Court.

(c) All statutory references to Circuit Courts, courts for any circuit or county (other than People's Courts, Municipal Courts, or the Housing Court of Baltimore County), the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, the Superior Court of Baltimore City, the Court of Common Pleas; the Baltimore City Court, the Criminal Court of Baltimore, the Circuit Court of Baltimore City or the Circuit Court No. 2 of Baltimore City shall be deemed to refer to the Superior Court in the appropriate county.

## Section 17. **Appellate Circuits.**

There shall be six circuits of the Court of Appeals, as follows: The First Appellate Circuit, consisting of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester, and Somerset counties; the Second Appellate Circuit, consisting of Baltimore and Harford counties; the Third Appellate Circuit, consisting of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington counties; the Fourth Appellate Circuit, consisting of Prince George's, Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's counties; the Fifth Appellate Circuit, consisting of Anne Arundel, Carroll, and Howard counties; and the Sixth Appellate Circuit, consisting of Baltimore City. One of the judges of the Court of Appeals shall be resident in each of the first five appellate circuits and two judges shall be resident in the Sixth Appellate Circuit.

## Section 18. **Judicial Circuits.**

Wherever any statute refers to a judicial circuit, to the courts of such circuit, or to the judges of or in such circuit, it shall be deemed to refer to the Superior Court or the judges of the Superior Court resident in the geographical area prescribed for that circuit by article IV, section 19, of the prior Constitution.