

Circuit Court, to be elected or appointed as herein provided. [In any of said circuits in which there shall be more than three judges (including the additional judge of the Court of Appeals), no successor to the additional judge of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed or elected as judge of said circuit. In any of said circuits in which there shall be only three judges (including an additional judge of the Court of Appeals), a successor to the additional judge of the Court of Appeals shall be appointed and elected as judge of said circuit.] The [aforesaid] number of judges for any of the [circuits shall be subject to increase or decrease by law] **CIRCUITS OR FOR ANY OF THE counties may be increased or decreased by the General Assembly from time to time , AND ANY VACANCY SO CREATED SHALL BE FILLED** as provided in Section 5 of this Article [.] *except that IN THE THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUITS there shall never be less than one judge for each county or* **AND ALL OF THE CIRCUITS THERE SHALL NEVER BE less than three for each circuit.** The senior judge in length of service shall be the chief judge of the circuit [(unless there is an additional judge of the Court of Appeals)]; the other judge or judges shall be associate judges. **IN THE FIRST AND SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS** no two of said judges of the Circuit Court shall at the time of their election or appointment, or during the term for which they may have been elected or appointed, reside in any one county. ~~other than Baltimore, Montgomery, Prince George's or Allegany County, and not more than two in any county except (if there is an additional judge of the Court of Appeals) Baltimore County.~~ **IN THE FIRST AND SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUITS,** in case any candidate or candidates for judge at any election shall receive sufficient votes to cause such candidate or candidates to be declared elected, but the election of such candidate or candidates would cause more judges than herein permitted to reside in any county of the circuit, then and in that event there shall be declared elected only that candidate or those candidates residing in said county, in the order of the votes received, whose election would provide the permitted number of judges from said county, and also the candidate or candidates residing in some other county, and not similarly disqualified, who shall have the next highest number of votes in said election. If, by reason of such a condition or by reason of an equal vote for two or more candidates a sufficient number of judges duly qualified as to residence shall not be elected at any election, then it shall be