

CHAPTER 269

(Senate Bill 230)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Courts", said new section to be known as Section 230A, to follow immediately after Section 230 of said Article, creating two additional judgeships on the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and providing for the manner of filling such judgeships.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Article 4 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland and Baltimore City Charter (1949 Edition), title "Baltimore City", sub-title "Courts", said new section to be known as Section 230A, to follow immediately after Section 230 of said Article and to read as follows:

230A. In addition to the present membership of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, there shall be two additional Associate Judges of said Court. Said Associate Judges shall be selected in the manner provided by Section 5 of Article 4 of the Constitution of this State, and thereafter such Judges shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of Baltimore City at the election to be held on Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, 1956. The said Judges, when appointed or when elected, shall be subject to all of the provisions of the Constitution and laws relating to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City and the several Judges thereof.

~~SEC. 2.~~ *And be it further enacted,* ~~That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.~~

SEC. 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, THAT IF ANY PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, WORDS OR PART OF THIS ACT SHALL, FOR ANY REASON BE ADJUDGED BY ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO BE UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND INVALID, SUCH JUDGMENT OR DECREE SHALL NOT AFFECT, IMPAIR OR INVALIDATE THE REMAINDER THEREOF, BUT SHALL BE CONFINED IN ITS OPERATION TO THE PHRASE, CLAUSE, SENTENCE, WORDS OR PART OF SAID ACT SO FOUND UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND INVALID, IT BEING THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT ALL PHRASES, CLAUSES, SENTENCES, WORDS OR PARTS OF THIS ACT SHALL BE SEVERABLE. IT BEING THE FURTHER INTENT OF THIS SECTION THAT IN THE EVENT THAT SUCH COURT MAY ADJUDGE OR DECREE THAT THE ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATE JUDGES PROVIDED FOR BY THIS ACT MAY NOT BE SELECTED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE IN THE MANNER PROVIDED BY SECTION 5 OF ARTICLE 4 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, THEN SUCH ADDITIONAL JUDGES SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE LEGAL AND QUALIFIED VOTERS OF BALTIMORE CITY AT THE ELEC-

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.