

Article 4, "Judiciary Department"

SEC. 14. [Until January 1, 1945, the Court of Appeals shall be composed of the Judges in office on November 7, 1944. From and after January 1, 1945, the] *The* Court of Appeals shall be composed of five Judges, two from the City of Baltimore; one from the First Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties; one from the Second Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Harford, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties; and one from the Third Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany, and Garrett Counties [; and during the continuance in office of Judges who were in office before January 1, 1945, not exceeding three additional Judges]. The City of Baltimore shall, for the purposes of this section, be designated as the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit. [The additional Judge from the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit shall be appointed by the Governor to serve until the election and qualification of his successor, as provided by Section 5 of this Article. Except as to such additional Judge, the Judges of said Court, in the first instance, shall be appointed by the Governor from their respective Appellate Judicial Circuits but such appointments shall be made from among the elected Judges composing the Court of Appeals as of December 31, 1944. If, on December 31, 1944, there are no elected members of the Court of Appeals from any Appellate Judicial Circuit, the Governor shall designate the member of the Court of Appeals from that Appellate Judicial Circuit from among the appointed members of the Court of Appeals from that Appellate Judicial Circuit. If any Judge so appointed shall be a member of the Court of Appeals as of December 31, 1944, by virtue of having been elected to that office, his appointment shall be for the balance of the term for which he had theretofore been elected. The Judges so appointed from the First, Second and Third Appellate Judicial Circuits shall cease to be Chief Judges of their respective Circuits. Any elected Judges from Circuits, except the Eighth Circuit, in office on December 31, 1944, other than the three designated by the Governor as Judges of the Court of Appeals, shall be additional Judges of the Court of Appeals and shall continue to be Chief Judges of their respective Circuits and shall hold office for the residue of the terms for which they were elected. No successor to any such additional Judge shall be appointed or elected as Judge of the Court of Appeals or (except as provided in Section 21 of this Article) as Judge of his Circuit, but any such additional Judge shall be eligible to appointment as the member of the Court of Appeals from his respective Appellate Judicial Circuit. Any vacancy in any Appellate Judicial Circuit shall be filled by designation by the Governor of one of the additional Judges from such Appellate Judicial Circuit, if any, to hold office for the residue of the term for which he was originally elected. Upon his appointment or designation as a member of the Court of Appeals from his Appellate Judicial Circuit, such additional Judge shall cease to be the Chief Judge of his Circuit.] The Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected by the qualified voters of their respective Appellate Judicial Circuits, their terms to begin on the date of their qualification. One of the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be designated by the Governor as the Chief Judge. The jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals shall be co-