

and its personnel relating generally to the Courts of Baltimore City and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland (three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be, and the same is hereby proposed as an amendment to Article 4 of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department", by adding new Section 41C thereto, to follow immediately after Section 41B thereof, to be under the new sub-title "Part V-B—Municipal Court", the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State, as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:*

*Part V-B—Municipal Court*

*Section 41C. (a). There is hereby created a Municipal Court of Baltimore City. Said Court shall consist originally of eleven Judges; the number of such Judges may thereafter be increased or decreased by the General Assembly by law, but no such decrease shall affect the term of any Judge then in office or his right to stand for election for further terms as hereinafter provided. The Judges of said Court shall have the qualifications prescribed by Section 2 of this Article, shall each have practiced law in the City of Baltimore for a total period of at least five years and shall devote their full time to the duties of said Court; they shall hold office subject to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of this Article with regard to retirement and removal from office; and they shall receive such compensation from such sources as shall be provided by law by the General Assembly, which shall not be diminished during their continuance in office. Authority is hereby given to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to pay to each of the Judges of the Court herein created such annual sum as an addition to their respective salaries as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall from time to time deem right and proper, provided that any such sum, being once granted, shall not be diminished during the continuance of said Judges in office.*

*(b). The Governor shall appoint to said Court, to take office on the first Monday of May, 1961, four Associate Judges for a term expiring December 31, 1962; four Associate Judges for a term expiring December 31, 1964; and three Associate Judges, one of whom shall be designated Chief Judge, for a term expiring December 31, 1966; and upon the creation of any additional office in said Court by increase in the number of Judges pursuant to this section, the Governor shall appoint an Associate Judge for a term expiring on the thirty-first day of December in the year of the first biennial general election for Representatives in Congress after one year from the effective date of the legislation creating the additional office. If any vacancy occurs during any such original term, the Governor shall appoint a successor to serve for the remainder of such term. After the expiration of said original terms, the terms of office of said Court shall be for ten years from the expiration of the preceding term, and shall be filled as follows:*

*(1) Any qualified person, including an incumbent Judge holding office by any such initial or subsequent appointment or election, shall be eligible for election for a term of ten years, at the biennial election for Representatives in Congress immediately preceding the expiration of a term of office.*