

vide for appeals from the court to the Court of Appeals, and to relate generally to the Court of Special Appeals.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That new Section ~~130, 131 and 132~~ 130 AND 131 be and they are hereby added to Article 26 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition and 1965 Supplement), title "Courts," to follow immediately after Section 129 thereof, to be under the new subtitle "Court of Special Appeals," and all to read as follows:

*Court of Special Appeals*

130.

~~The Court of Special Appeals~~ THERE IS HEREBY CREATED AN INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEAL, TO BE KNOWN AS THE "COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS" AND WHICH shall be composed of five judges, one from the First Special Appellate Judicial Circuit consisting of Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester and Talbot Counties; one from the Second Special Appellate Judicial Circuit consisting of Baltimore, Carroll and Howard Counties; one from the Third Special Appellate Judicial Circuit consisting of Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties; one from the Fourth Special Appellate Judicial Circuit consisting of Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties; and one from the Fifth Special Appellate Judicial Circuit consisting of Baltimore City. The Judges of the Court of Special Appeals shall be residents of and shall, subject to the provisions of Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution, be elected by the qualified voters of their respective Special Appellate Judicial Circuits, their terms to begin on the date of their qualification. One of the Judges of the Court of Special Appeals shall be designated by the Governor as Chief Judge. The Court of Special Appeals shall have appellate jurisdiction only which shall be co-extensive with the limits of the State and which shall, unless and until otherwise expressly changed by law, include direct appeals from the Circuit Courts of the Counties and from the Criminal Court of Baltimore City in all criminal cases where the sentence is other than death, subject in each such case to a further appeal to the Court of Appeals as provided by Section 21A of Article 5 of this Code, as amended from time to time. The Court of Special Appeals shall hold its sessions in the City of Annapolis and at such time or times as it shall from time to time by rule prescribe. Its session or sessions shall continue not less than ten months in each year if the business before it shall so require. The salary of each Judge of the Court of Special Appeals shall be that prescribed in Section 47(a-1) of this article and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office. ~~Five~~ ~~THREE~~ ~~FOUR~~ of the Judges shall constitute a quorum, and ~~all five judges shall sit for the decision of any cause~~ THE CONCURRENCE OF A MAJORITY OF ~~THOSE SITTING~~ THE ENTIRE COURT SHALL BE SUFFICIENT NECESSARY FOR THE DECISION OF ANY CAUSE; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, THAT NOTHING HEREIN CONTAINED SHALL AUTHORIZE THE COURT TO SIT IN ONE OR MORE PANELS OR DIVISIONS.

131.

*The General Assembly may from time to time provide by law for additional Judges of the Court of Special Appeals and designate the*