

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. Four of the judges shall constitute a quorum, and the concurrence of a majority of the entire Court shall be necessary for the decision of any cause. 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 special appellate judicial circuits from which such judges shall be appointed [and elected]. Whenever provision is so made by the General Assembly another judge of the Court of Special Appeals shall [, subject to the provisions of Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution, be elected by the voters of said appellate judicial circuit, who] *be appointed by the Governor and submitted for confirmation by the Senate. He* shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold his office for the same term [of years], receive the same compensation and have the same powers as are or shall be provided by the Constitution or laws of this State for the judges of the Court of Special Appeals.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect on the same date as, and conditioned upon, the approval and adoption by the voters of the State of the amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland proposed at the 1969 Regular Session of the General Assembly and providing for the appointment and confirmation by the Senate of judges.

Approved May 14, 1969.

CHAPTER 563

(House Bill 39)

AN ACT to repeal Section 758 of Article 66C of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1967 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Natural Resources," subtitle "Shore Erosion Control," and to enact new Sections 757-~~759~~ 758A, inclusive, in lieu thereof, to stand in the place of the section repealed, ~~and to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 12(a) of Article 96A of said Code (1964 Replacement Volume and 1968 Supplement), title "Water Resources," subtitle "Appropriation of Waters; Reservoirs and Dams,"~~ to revise the program under which the State participates financially in the construction of shore erosion control projects; ~~and to except shore erosion control structures for which State aid is provided from the necessity of obtaining a permit for their construction from the Department of Water Resources.~~