

tention of any judge who is retained in office pursuant to the preceding provisions of this subsection shall be pursuant to Section 41D of this Article. After the effective date of these amendments in any district (including any postponed effective date pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 41-I), no People's Court judge, judge of the Housing Court of Baltimore County, or Justice of the Peace shall be appointed or elected or exercise any power or jurisdiction.

(h) Each full-time clerk of a justice of the peace designated as trial magistrate of a People's Court, of the Municipal Court of Baltimore City, and the chief constable of the People's Court of Baltimore City who is in office on the day before the first Monday in July, 1970, shall become a deputy clerk of the District Court on the first Monday in July 1970. The taking effect of the foregoing amendments shall not of itself affect the tenure, term, status, retirement, or compensation of any person then holding public office, position, or employment in this State, except as provided in the amendments.

(i) All statutory references to justices of the peace designated as trial magistrates, to People's Courts, to the Municipal Court of Baltimore City or to the Housing Court of Baltimore County, shall be deemed to refer to the District Court in the appropriate district, county or Baltimore City, to the extent not inconsistent with this Constitution.

(J) NO MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT WHICH THESE AMENDMENTS WERE PROPOSED, OR AT WHICH THE NUMBER OF OR SALARY OF ANY SUCH JUDGES MAY HAVE BEEN INCREASED OR DECREASED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM TIME TO TIME, IF OTHERWISE QUALIFIED, IS INELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT OR ELECTION AS A JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT BY REASON OF HIS MEMBERSHIP IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Article XV

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The right of trial by Jury of all issues of fact in civil proceedings in the several Courts of Law in this State, where the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of five *hundred* dollars, shall be inviolably preserved.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing sections and repealers hereby proposed as amendments to the Constitution of Maryland at the next ensuing general election to be held in this State shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State, and at the said general election, the vote on the said proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments" as now provided by law, and, immediately after said election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against said proposed amendments, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with said Article XIV.

Approved May 21, 1969.