

of the State as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland, and all to read as follows:

Part I—General Provisions

3. **[Election]** *Appointment and confirmation of judges; term of office; retirement.*

[The Judges of the several Courts other than the Court of Appeals or any intermediate courts of appeal shall, subject to the provisions of Section 5 of this Article of the Constitution, be elected in Baltimore City and in each county, by the qualified voters of the city and of each county, respectively, except that in the First and Second Judicial Circuits the said Judges of the several Courts shall be elected by the qualified voters in each respective Judicial Circuit as hereinafter provided, all of the said Judges to be elected at the general election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November, as now provided for in the Constitution. Each of the said Judges shall hold his office for the term of fifteen years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, whichever may first happen, and be re-eligible thereto until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after.**]** *The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate shall appoint the judges of the Court of Appeals, any intermediate courts of appeal, the Circuit Courts, and the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City. All hearings, deliberations and debate on the confirmation of appointees of the Governor shall be public, and no hearings, deliberations or debate thereon shall be conducted by the Senate or any committee or subcommittee thereof in secret or executive session. Confirmation by the Senate shall be made upon a majority vote of all members of the Senate. A judge appointed by the Governor may take office upon qualification and before confirmation by the Senate, but shall cease to hold office at the close of the regular annual session of the General Assembly next following his appointment or during which he shall have been appointed by the Governor, if the Senate shall not have confirmed his appointment before then. Each judge appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate shall hold the office during good behavior until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after.* FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS FROM THE TIME OF HIS QUALIFICATION, AND UNTIL HIS SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIED, OR UNTIL HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS, WHICHEVER MAY FIRST OCCUR. IF THE FIFTEEN YEAR TERM OF A JUDGE SHALL EXPIRE BEFORE THAT JUDGE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS, THAT JUDGE SHALL BE REAPPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH THE SENATE'S CONSENT, FOR ANOTHER FIFTEEN YEAR TERM OR UNTIL HE SHALL HAVE ATTAINED THE AGE OF SEVENTY YEARS, WHICHEVER MAY FIRST OCCUR. In case of the inability of any of said Judges to discharge his duties with efficiency, by reason of continued sickness, or of physical or mental infirmity, it shall be in the power of the General Assembly, two-thirds of the members of each House concurring, with the approval of the Governor to retire said Judge from office.