

ciate Judge of said Supreme Bench. [His successor shall be elected at the first biennial general election for Representatives in Congress after the expiration of the term of fifteen years (if the vacancy occurred in that way) or the first such general election after one year after the occurrence of the vacancy in any other way than through expiration of such term. Except in case of reappointment of a judge upon expiration of his term of fifteen years, no person shall be appointed who will become disqualified by reason of age and thereby unable to continue to hold office until the prescribed time when his successor would have been elected.]

5A. *Interim Provisions.*

*For the purpose of implementing these amendments to Article IV of this Constitution, the following provisions shall govern:*

*(a) No member of the General Assembly at which these amendments are proposed, if otherwise qualified, shall be ineligible for appointment as a judge by reason of his membership in the General Assembly.*

(A) NO MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT WHICH THESE AMENDMENTS ARE PROPOSED, OR AT WHICH THE NUMBER OF OR SALARY OF JUDGES FOR ANY OF THE COURTS OF THE EIGHT CIRCUITS OR FOR ANY OF THE COUNTIES, OR FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS OR SPECIAL COURT OF APPEALS MAY BE OR MAY HAVE BEEN INCREASED OR DECREASED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM TIME TO TIME, IF OTHERWISE QUALIFIED, SHALL BE INELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS OR ANY OTHER COURT BY REASON OF HIS MEMBERSHIP IN SUCH GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*(b) All provisions of the Constitution of Maryland, all laws and all rules of court, not inconsistent with these amendments, shall remain in full force and effect until duly amended or repealed.*

*(c) The amendments to Section 4B of this Article shall apply to all judges holding office on the effective date of these amendments, as well as to those subsequently appointed.*

*(d) Each judge of a court described in Section 3 of this Article who, having previously been elected by the voters and is in office for an elected term on the effective date of these amendments, shall continue to hold the office as a judge of such court during good behavior FOR THE REMAINDER OF HIS TERM OR, until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after. WHICHEVER MAY FIRST OCCUR. Each judge of a court described in Section 3 of this Article who is in office on the effective date of this amendment and who has not yet been elected by the voters, shall, within fifteen days after the effective date of this amendment, be reappointed by the Governor, with the Senate's consent, in accordance with Section 3 of this Article; if the Senate confirms the nomination of such judge, he shall continue to hold the office during good behavior FOR A TERM OF FIFTEEN YEARS FROM THE DATE OF QUALIFICATION, OR until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, and not after; WHICHEVER MAY FIRST OCCUR; if the Senate fails to confirm the nomination of such judge, he shall have the right, if he so chooses, to be a candidate for re-election at*