

chief judge of District Court).

SUBTITLE 4. COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS.

SEC. 1-401. COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS ESTABLISHED.

THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS IS ESTABLISHED. IT IS AN INTERMEDIATE COURT OF APPEAL AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE IV, §§ 1 AND 14A OF THE CONSTITUTION.

SEC. 1-402. COMPOSITION OF COURT.

(A) NUMBER; CHIEF JUDGE.

THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS CONSISTS OF TEN JUDGES, ONE OF WHOM SHALL BE DESIGNATED BY THE GOVERNOR AS CHIEF JUDGE.

(B) SELECTION; TERMS.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, THE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS SHALL BE SELECTED, APPOINTED, RETAINED, REMOVED FROM OFFICE, OR RETIRED AS PROVIDED IN ARTICLE IV OF THE CONSTITUTION WITH RESPECT TO JUDGES OF THE COURT OF APPEALS. ONE JUDGE OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS SHALL BE A RESIDENT RESPECTIVELY OF EACH OF THE APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUITS DEFINED IN ARTICLE IV, §14 OF THE CONSTITUTION, EXCEPT THAT TWO JUDGES SHALL BE RESIDENTS OF THE SIXTH APPELLATE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT. WHEN ELECTION TO JUDICIAL OFFICE IS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION, EACH OF THESE JUDGES SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF HIS CIRCUIT OF RESIDENCE. THREE JUDGES OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS MAY BE RESIDENTS OF ANY PART OF THE STATE AND, WHEN ELECTION TO JUDICIAL OFFICE IS REQUIRED BY THE CONSTITUTION, SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE ENTIRE STATE. THE TERM OF A JUDGE OF THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS BEGINS ON THE DATE OF HIS QUALIFICATION FOR OFFICE.

SEC. 1-403. SESSION OF COURT; PANELS; HEARINGS IN BANC.

(A) SESSIONS.

THE COURT OF SPECIAL APPEALS SHALL HOLD ITS SESSIONS IN THE CITY OF ANNAPOLIS AT THE TIME OR TIMES IT PRESCRIBES BY RULE. ITS SESSIONS SHALL CONTINUE