

judicial work and business of each of the judges and their respective courts. He may, in case of a vacancy, or of the illness, disqualification or other absence of a judge or for the purpose of relieving an accumulation of business in any court assign any judge except a judge of the Orphans' Court to sit temporarily in any court except an Orphans' Court. Any judge assigned by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals pursuant to this section [shall have] HAS all the power and authority pertaining to a judge of the court to which he is so assigned; and his power and authority shall continue with respect to all cases (including any motion, or other matters incidental thereto) which may come before him by virtue of such assignment until his action thereon shall be completed. In the absence of the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, the provisions of this section shall be applicable to the senior judge present in [said] THE Court of Appeals. The powers of the Chief Judge [under the foregoing provisions of] SET FORTH IN this section shall be subject to [such rules and regulations, if any, as] ANY RULE OR REGULATION ADOPTED BY the Court of Appeals [may make].

20.

(A) [A Court shall be held in each County of the State to be styled the Circuit Court for the County, in which it may be held.] THERE SHALL BE A CIRCUIT COURT FOR EACH COUNTY AND FOR BALTIMORE CITY. The [said] Circuit Courts shall have and exercise, in the respective counties, AND BALTIMORE CITY, all the power, authority and jurisdiction, original and appellate, which the [present] Circuit Courts of [this State now have and exercise, or which may] THE COUNTIES EXERCISED ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THESE AMENDMENTS, AND THE GREATER OR LESSER JURISDICTION hereafter [by] prescribed by law.

(B) The [several] judges of the Circuit Courts for Montgomery and Harford Counties shall each, alternately and in rotation and on schedules to be established by those judges, sit as an Orphans' Court for their County, and shall have and exercise all the power, authority and jurisdiction which the present Orphans' Courts now have and exercise, or which may hereafter be [prescribed] PROVIDED by law.

23.

The Judges of the respective Circuit Courts of this State[, and of the Courts of Baltimore City,] shall render their decisions, in all cases argued before them, or submitted for their judgment, within two months after the same shall have been so argued or submitted.

25.

There shall be a Clerk of the Circuit Court for each County AND BALTIMORE CITY, who shall be elected by a plurality of the qualified voters of said County OR CITY, and shall hold his office for four years from the time of

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