

the Constitutional Amendments," as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

Enacted April 28, 1998.

CHAPTER 323

(House Bill 229)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery and Harford Counties - Retired Judges - Assignment to Orphans' Court

FOR the purpose of proposing amendments to the Constitution of Maryland authorizing the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals to assign under certain conditions a retired judge of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County to do an act that a judge of the Orphans' Court for Montgomery County is authorized to perform; authorizing the Chief Judge to assign under certain conditions a retired judge of the Circuit Court for Harford County to do an act that a judge of the Orphans' Court for Harford County is authorized to perform; making stylistic changes; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

BY proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland

Article IV - Judiciary Department

Section 3A and 18(b)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, (Three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That it be proposed that the Constitution of Maryland read as follows:

Article IV - Judiciary Department

3A.

(a) (1) [Any] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, [Any former judge, except a former judge of the Orphans' Court, may be assigned by the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, upon approval of a majority of the court, to sit temporarily in any court of this State, except an Orphans' Court, as provided by law.

(2) (1) A RETIRED JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY THAT SITS AS THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY MAY BE ASSIGNED BY THE CHIEF JUDGE OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, UPON APPROVAL OF A MAJORITY OF THE COURT OF APPEALS, TO DO AN ACT THAT A JUDGE OF THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM.