

CHAPTER 163.

(House Bill 22)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, adding thereto two new sections, to be numbered 41-A and 41-B under a new sub-title "Part V-A—People's Courts", and to follow immediately after section 41 of said Article, providing for the establishment of People's Courts; and to provide for the submission of said amendment to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland* (three-fifths of all the members of each of the two Houses concurring), That the following two new sections to be numbered 41-A and 41-B under the new sub-title "Part V-A—People's Courts", and to follow immediately after section 41 of said Article, be and the same are hereby proposed as an amendment to Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Maryland, the same, if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of said Article IV of said Constitution and to be numbered and sub-titled as aforesaid:

PART V-A—PEOPLE'S COURTS.

41-A. There is hereby created a People's Court of Baltimore City. Said Court shall consist originally of a Chief Judge and two Associate Judges; the number of such Judges may thereafter be increased or decreased by the General Assembly by law but no such decrease shall affect the term of any Judge then in office or his right to stand for election for further terms as hereinafter provided. The Judges of said Court shall have the qualifications prescribed by Section 2 of this Article and shall have practiced law in the City of Baltimore for a total period of at least five years; shall hold office subject to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of this Article with regard to retirement and removal from office; and shall receive from the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City such compensation as shall be fixed by law by the General Assembly, which shall not be diminished during continuance in office.

The Governor shall appoint to said Court, to take office on the first Monday of May, 1941, one Associate Judge for a term expiring December 31, 1942, one Associate Judge for a term expiring December 31, 1944, and a Chief Judge for a term expiring December 31, 1946; and, upon