

plement), title "Courts", subtitles respectively "General Provisions", "Court of Appeals" and "Pensions for Judges and Their Widows", be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, and that new Section 29A and new Section 47 (a-1) be and they are hereby added to the said Article of the Code, subtitles respectively "Court of Appeals" and "Salaries of Judges", new Section 29A to follow immediately after Section 29 thereof and new Section 47 (a-1) to follow immediately after Section 47 (a) thereof, and all to read as follows:

*Article 26*

1. (a) The judges of the several courts of [law and of equity] *the State* may make such rules and orders from time to time for the well-governing and regulating their respective courts and the officers and suitors thereof and under such fines and forfeitures as they shall think fit, all of which fines shall go to the State.

23. [Any judge of the Court of Appeals, or any judge of a circuit court, or any judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City,] *A Judge of any court* who shall be connected by consanguinity or affinity with any party to a cause within the third degree, counting down from a common ancestor to the more remote, shall be disqualified from sitting in such cause.

24. No judge of the Court of Appeals *or the Court of Special Appeals* shall be deemed to have abandoned his residence in the *appellate* judicial circuit *or the special appellate judicial circuit* for which he shall have been elected by reason of his residence in Annapolis during the term for which he may have been elected, unless he shall signify his intention so to abandon his residence in his said [district] *appellate judicial circuit or special appellate judicial circuit* by voting in the City of Annapolis.

27. The judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City shall have power to establish rules governing the practice and procedure in the courts of Baltimore City, except the Orphans' Court *and the Municipal Court*, and the judges of *the Court of Special Appeals and of the circuit courts of the counties and of the Orphans' Courts of Baltimore City and of the counties* shall have power to establish rules governing the practice and procedure in their respective courts, provided that such rules shall not be inconsistent with any general rules adopted by the Court of Appeals, or with any statute then or thereafter in force.

29A. *The Court of Special Appeals shall have power to appoint such law clerks, stenographers and other employees as it shall deem necessary and the persons so appointed shall receive such compensation as shall be provided in the annual State budget. Whenever, in the judgment of said Court, the attendance or services of a sheriff may be required in said Court, the judges thereof may direct a sheriff to attend or perform such services, for which attendance and services the said sheriff shall be entitled to such compensation as the Court shall determine.*

47. (a-1) *The salary of the Chief Judge of the Court of Special Appeals shall be twenty-three thousand dollars (\$23,000) per annum; the salary of each of the associate judges of the Court of Special Appeals shall be twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$22,500) per annum.*