

## CHAPTER 11

(Senate Bill 7)

AN ACT to propose an amendment to Section 14 of Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department", sub-title "Part II—Court of Appeals", to increase the membership of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, to provide for their selection from appellate judicial circuits and for the terms of office of present and new members of the Court, to provide for quorums and the number of judges necessary for a decision of the Court, and submitting this 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 elected to each of the two Houses concurring), That the following section be and it is hereby proposed as an amendment to Section 14 of Article IV of the Constitution of Maryland, title "Judiciary Department", sub-title "Part II—Court of Appeals", if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided, to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland:*

14. [The Court of Appeals shall be composed of five Judges, two from the City of Baltimore; one from the First Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset Counties; one from the Second Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Harford, Baltimore, Anne Arundel, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's Counties; and one from the Third Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett Counties. The City of Baltimore shall, for the purposes of this section, be designated as the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit. The Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected by the qualified voters of their respective Appellate Judicial Circuits, their terms to begin on the date of their qualification.] *The Court of Appeals shall be composed of seven judges, one from the First Appellate Judicial Circuit consisting of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties; one from the Second APPELLATE Judicial Circuit consisting of Baltimore and Harford counties; one from the Third Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery and Washington counties; one from the Fourth Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Prince George's, Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties; one from the Fifth Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Anne Arundel, Carroll and Howard counties; and two from the Sixth Appellate Judicial Circuit, consisting of Baltimore City. The Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be residents of and be elected by the qualified voters of their respective Appellate Judicial Circuits. The term of each Judge of the Court of Appeals shall begin on the date of his qualification except that each of the Judges of the Court of Appeals in office at the time this amend-*

**EXPLANATION:** *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

**Strike out** indicates matter stricken out of bill.