

TO THE EXTENT PRESCRIBED BY THE ORDER OF REMOVAL; THAT A JUDGE SO RETIRED SHALL HAVE THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES PRESCRIBED BY LAW FOR OTHER RETIRED JUDGES; THAT NO JUDGE SHALL SIT IN ANY HEARING INVOLVING HIS OWN REMOVAL OR RETIREMENT; creating a system of District Courts in this State, providing for the appointment and confirmation by the Senate of judges in these courts, making provision for the jurisdiction, powers, duties, and operations of the several District Courts, changing the powers and duties of certain other officers and agencies with respect to the District Courts, abolishing certain other courts and judicial officers being superseded by the District Courts and its judges, relating generally to a system of District Courts in this State authorizing procedures for the postponement of the creation of certain District Courts, and submitting these amendments 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 amendments be and they are hereby proposed to Sections 1, 2, 4A, and 18A of Article IV, title "Judiciary Department," subtitles respectively, "Part I—General Provisions," "Part II—Courts of Appeal"; and Section 6 of Article XV, title "Miscellaneous"; that Article IV of the Constitution is further amended by repealing Sections 41A through 41C thereof, including subtitles "Part V-A—People's Courts," "Part V-B—Municipal Court" and enacting new Sections 41A through 41-I, inclusive, subtitle "Part VI—District Court" to stand in the place of the sections so repealed, the same if adopted by the legal and qualified voters of the State as herein provided to become a part of the Constitution of Maryland; and that said Article IV be further amended by repealing Sections 42 and 43 thereof, subtitle "Part VI—Justices of the Peace."

Article IV

1.

The Judicial power of this State shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, and such intermediate courts of appeal, as shall be provided by law by the General Assembly, Circuit Courts, Orphans' Courts, such Courts for the City of Baltimore, as are hereinafter provided for, and [Justices of the Peace] a *District Court*; all said Courts shall be Courts of Record, and each shall have a seal to be used in the authentication of all process issuing therefrom. [The process and official character of Justices of the Peace shall be authenticated as hath heretofore been practiced in this State or may hereafter be prescribed by law].

2.

The Judges of all of the said Courts shall be citizens of the State of Maryland, and qualified voters under this Constitution, and shall have resided therein not less than five years, and not less than six months next preceding their election, or appointment, as the case may be, in the city, county, *district*, judicial circuit, intermediate appellate judicial circuit or appellate judicial circuit for which they may be, respectively, elected or appointed. They shall be not less than thirty years of age at the time of their election or appointment,