

SEC. — The Circuit Court of Baltimore City shall have jurisdiction in all cases in equity within the limits of said City, and in cases arising under the act to direct descents and its supplements, and shall exercise all the power that is now conferred by law, *provided*, said Court shall not have jurisdiction in applications for the writ of *habeas corpus*, in cases of persons charged with criminal offences.

SEC. — The Criminal Court of Baltimore shall have and exercise all the jurisdiction now held and exercised by the Criminal Court of Baltimore, except in such cases as are hereinafter assigned to Baltimore City Court.

SEC. — The Baltimore City Court shall have jurisdiction in all cases of appeal, whether civil or criminal from the judgment of Justices of the Peace in said City, and in all cases of appeals from the commissioners for opening streets, and shall also have jurisdiction in all cases of assault and battery, for keeping a disorderly house, and for violation of the license laws of the State; in all such cases the party charged shall be tried upon the commitment, or recognizance of the Justice of the Peace as the case may be, without indictment, but the Judge of the Court or the State's Attorney of Baltimore City may direct the witnesses for the prosecution in any such case to be recognized to appear before the grand jury, and may commit or hold the traverser to bail, to appear and answer before the Criminal Court of Baltimore City.

SEC. — The Judges of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, the Court of Common Pleas, the Criminal Court of Baltimore, and the Baltimore City Court shall constitute the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, of which the Judge of the Superior Court shall be the Chief Justice, and any three of said Judges shall constitute a quorum. In the granting, hearing and determination of motions for new trial, and in arrest of judgment, the Supreme Bench shall have jurisdiction concurrent with each of said Courts, and shall hear and determine the same, at the election of either party, or upon the order of the Judge in whose court such motion or motions shall have been made, and its judgment thereon shall be certified to, and taken as the judgment of such other court; and the Supreme Bench shall have such other jurisdiction as may hereafter be provided by law.

SEC. — In case of the absence, sickness, or disability of any one or more of the Judges of the aforesaid six courts, except the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, or when the accumulation of business and the dispatch thereof in any one or more of said courts, or the public interest shall make it expedient, it shall be the duty of the said Judges, as the case may require, to act in the stead of, or concurrently with such one or more of