

the party cannot have a fair or impartial trial in the Court, in which such suit, or action, issue, or petition, presentment, or indictment is pending, or when the Judges of said Court shall be disqualified, under the provisions of this Constitution, to sit in any such suit, action, issue, or petition, presentment or indictment; and the General Assembly shall make such modifications of existing Law as may be necessary to regulate and give force to this provision.

Sec. 9. The Judge, or Judges of any Court may appoint such officers for their respective Courts as may be found necessary, and such officers of the Courts in the city of Baltimore shall be appointed by the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city. It shall be the duty of the General Assembly to prescribe by Law a fixed compensation for all such officers; and said Judge or Judges, shall, from time to time, investigate the expenses, costs and charges of their respective Courts, with a view to a change, or reduction thereof, and report the result of such investigation to the General Assembly for its action.

Sec. 10. The Clerks of the several Courts created, or continued by this Constitution, shall have charge and custody of the Records and other Papers, shall perform all the duties, and be allowed the fees, which appertain to their several offices, as the same now are, or may hereafter be regulated by Law. And the office and business of said Clerks, in all their departments, shall be subject to the visitatorial power of the Judges of their respective Courts, who shall exercise the same from time to time, so as to insure the faithful performance of the duties of said officers; and it shall be the duty of the Judges of said Courts, respectively, to make, from time to time, such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for the government of said Clerks, and for the performance of the duties of their offices, which shall have the force of Law until repealed, or modified by the General Assembly.

Sec. 11. The election for Judges, hereinbefore provided, and all elections for Clerks, Registers of Wills, and other officers, provided in this Constitution, except State's Attorneys, shall be certified, and the returns made, by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the Counties, and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, respectively, to the Governor, who shall issue commissions to the different persons for the offices for which they shall have been respectively elected; and in all such elections, the persons having the greatest number of votes, shall be declared to be elected.

Sec. 12. If in any case of election for Judges, Clerks of the Courts of Law, and Registers of Wills, the opposing candidates shall have an equal number of votes, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election; and in case of any