

thereto, and be subject to removal therefrom for incompetency, willful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law, or on a vote of two-thirds of the Senate on the recommendation of the Attorney General.

Sec. 7. All elections for the State's Attorneys shall be certified to, and returns made thereof by the clerks of the said counties and city, to the judges thereof having criminal jurisdiction, respectively, whose duty it shall be to decide upon the elections and qualifications of the persons returned, and in case of a tie between two or more persons, to designate which of said persons shall qualify as State's Attorney, and to administer the oaths of office to the person elected.

Sec. 8. The State's Attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law, and retain for his services out of such fees and commissions a sum not exceeding \$5,000 in any one year; and if any State's Attorney shall receive any other fee or reward than such as is or may be allowed by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, be removed from office; provided that the State's Attorney for Baltimore city shall have power to appoint one deputy, at a salary of not more than \$1,500 per annum, to be paid by the States' Attorney out of the fees of his office, as has heretofore been practiced.

Sec. 9. No person shall be eligible to the office of State's Attorney who has not been admitted to practice law in this State, and who has not resided for at least one year in the county or city in which he may be elected.

Sec. 10. The State's Attorney in each county and the city of Baltimore shall have authority to collect and give receipt in the name of the State for such sums of money as may be collected by him, and forthwith make return of and pay over the same to the proper accounting officer; and the State's Attorney of each county and the city of Baltimore, before he shall enter on the discharge of his duties, shall execute a bond to the State of Maryland for the faithful performance of his duties, in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, with two or more securities, to be approved by the judge of the court having criminal jurisdiction in said counties or city.