

degrees as now are, or may hereafter be prescribed by law, or where he shall have been of counsel in the case.

**SEC. 8.** The parties to any cause may submit the same to the court for determination, without the aid of a jury; and the Judge, or Judges of any Court of this State, except the Court of Appeals, shall order and direct the record of proceedings in any suit, or action, issue or petition, presentment, or indictment, pending in such court, to be transmitted to some other court, (and of a different circuit, if the party applying shall so elect,) having jurisdiction in such cases, whenever any party to such cause, or the counsel of any party, shall make a suggestion in writing, supported by the affidavit of such party, or his counsel, or other proper evidence, that 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 offices; 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