

tion district of every county in the State, and two in each ward of the city of Baltimore, to be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters in each of said districts and wards respectively, who shall hold their offices for two years from the time of their election and until a successor in office is elected. They shall be by virtue of their offices, conservators of the peace in the said counties and city respectively, and shall have such civil and criminal jurisdiction as shall be provided for by law. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a Justice of the Peace, a new election shall be held under the directions of the Sheriff of the county or city where such vacancy occurs, upon ten days notice thereof; an appeal shall be in all civil cases from the judgement of a Justice of the Peace, to the judges of the County Courts and of the Court of Common Pleas for Baltimore city, as the case may be, and on all such appeals either party shall be entitled to a trial by jury where the amount in controversy shall be above ten dollars.

Sec. 22. Sheriffs shall be elected in each county and in the city of Baltimore, every third year, that is to say: two persons for the office of sheriff for each county, and two for the said city, the one of whom having the highest number of votes of the qualified voters of said county or city, or if both have an equal number, either of them, at the discretion of the Governor, to be commissioned by the Governor for the said office, and having served for three years, such person shall be ineligible for the four years next succeeding; bond with security to be taken every year as usual, and no sheriff shall be qualified to act before the same be given. In case of death, refusal, disqualification or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the three years, the other person chosen as aforesaid shall be commissioned by the Governor to execute the said office for the residue of the said three years, the said person giving bond with security as aforesaid. No person shall be eligible to the office of Sheriff, but a resident of such county or city respectively, and who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years preceding his election and above the age of twenty-one years. The two candidates properly qualified having the highest number of legal ballots, shall be declared duly elected for the office of sheriff for such county or city, and returned to the Governor with a certificate of the number of ballots for each of them.

Sec. 23. Constables, Coroners and Elisors shall be appointed for each county and the city of Baltimore, in the manner now prescribed by law, or in such other manner as the General Assembly may hereafter direct.

Sec. 24. No Judge shall sit in any case wherein he may be interested, or where either of the parties may be connected with him by affinity or consanguinity within such degrees as may be prescribed by law, or where he shall have been of council in the cause, and whenever any of the judges of the county courts or of the courts of Baltimore city, shall be thus disqualified, or whenever by reason of sickness or any other cause, the said judges or any of them may be unable to sit in any cause, the parties may, by consent, appoint a