

proper person to try the said cause, or the judges shall exchange districts, and hold courts for each other, when they may deem it expedient, and shall do so when directed by law.

Sec. 25. No new original bill shall be filed or received in the High Court of Chancery of this State, from and after the ratification of this Constitution by the people of this State, nor shall any cause be removed from any other court in the State to the said court of Chancery from and after the said ratification; but all causes and proceedings now pending or which may be pending in the said court of Chancery at the time of the said ratification, shall be heard, determined and proceeded with, by the present Chancellor or his successor in office, until they shall be brought to a final close, provided the same be done in five years from the time of said ratification, and at the end and expiration of said five years, from the time of the said ratification, or sooner if the said business in chancery be sooner disposed of, the office of Chancellor of this State, and the office of Register in Chancery shall be and they are hereby abolished. The present Chancellor and Register in Chancery, and in the event of any vacancy in their respective offices, their successors in office respectively to be appointed as at present by the Governor and Senate, shall during said five years or other shorter period receive the same salary and compensation which they now receive. The Legislature shall provide by law, for the recording, safe keeping or other disposition of the records, decrees and other proceeding of the said court of Chancery, at the end and expiration of said five years or other shorter period, and for the transmission to the several counties of the State and City of Baltimore, of all such causes and proceedings in said court as may be then undisposed of and unfinished, in such manner, and under such regulations as may be deemed necessary and proper.

Sec. 26. The present Judges of the county courts, of the Orphan's courts, of Baltimore city court and of the magistrates courts, and of the commissioners of insolvent debtors for the city of Baltimore, and justices of the peace shall remain in office until the election and qualification of the Judges, and justices of the peace whose election is provided for by this Constitution and no longer.

Sec. 27. The first election of Judges, Clerks, Registers and Justices of the peace, and all other officers whose election by the people is provided for in this article of the Constitution shall take place throughout the State on the first Wednesday of October next, after the ratification of this Constitution by the people.

Sec. 28. Whenever lands lie partly in one county, and partly in another, or whenever persons proper to be made defendants to proceedings in Chancery, reside, some in one county and some in another, that court shall have jurisdiction in which proceedings shall have been first commenced, subject to such rules, regulations and alterations as may be prescribed by law.

Sec. 29. In all suits or actions at law, and in all presentments and indictments, hereafter to be commenced or instituted in any of