

Mr. Shiver, chairman of the committee appointed on the Attorney General and his Deputies, submitted the following report from said committee :

The committee on the Attorney General and his Deputies, beg leave to make the following

REPORT :

Section 1st. The Governor shall have power to employ counsel for the State, when in his judgment the public interest requires it; and make suitable compensation from the contingent fund placed at his disposal.

Sec. 2nd. There shall be an Attorney for the State of Maryland in each county, Howard District and the city of Baltimore, respectively, to be styled "the Prosecuting Attorney," who shall be elected by the plurality vote of the qualified voters of each county, Howard District and the city of Baltimore; and who shall hold his office for three years from the day of his election, and until his successor be elected and qualified; and shall be re-eligible thereto, and be subject to removal from office for disqualification, wilful neglect of duty, or misdemeanor in office, by presentment of the Grand Jury, and conviction of a Petit Jury of the county, Howard District or city of Baltimore, in which he shall have been elected.

Sec. 3rd. The fees and commissions to the Prosecuting Attornies shall be the same, as now by law, allowed to the Attorney General and his Deputies, subject to such change, from time to time, as the Legislature shall provide; and to receive any other fee or reward than such as is allowed by law, shall be upon conviction sufficient cause for removal from office.

Sec. 4th. That in case of vacancy in the office of Prosecuting Attorney, by death, resignation, refusal to act, disqualification, removal from the county, Howard District, or city of Baltimore, in which he shall have been elected, or upon conviction, as hereinbefore specified, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Judge or Judges of the court having criminal jurisdiction in the county, Howard District, or city of Baltimore respectively, in which said vacancy shall happen, until the next general election thereafter, when the plurality vote of the qualified voters of the county, Howard District or the city of Baltimore, in which said vacancy shall occur, shall elect a suitable person for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

Sec. 5th. No person shall be eligible to the office of Prosecuting Attorney, who has not been admitted to practice the law in this State, and who has not resided for at least one year in the county, Howard district, or the city of Baltimore, in which he may be a candidate for election.

Sec. 6th. All elections for Prosecuting Attornies shall be certified to, and returns made thereof by the clerks of the respective counties, Howard district, and the city of Baltimore, to the Judge or