

creased by law, when such increase shall be required for the despatch of business in the said district, and such additional judges shall have the same powers, authorities and jurisdictions in all respects as are conferred by this section on the judges directed to be appointed; and the Legislature may establish within the city of Baltimore, a court of limited criminal jurisdiction for the trial of offences not punished capitally, which may be committed in the said city, define its powers and prescribe the number, tenure, mode of appointment, and compensation of the judges thereof, which shall be paid by the city of Baltimore.

Sec. 8. The Judges of the District Court shall respectively hold at least two terms in the city of Baltimore, and in each county comprising the judicial district as courts of law, at least two terms, for the transaction of Equity business within an intermediate day for the return of process: and at least four sessions of the Orphans' court in each county, or oftener if required by law.

Sec. 9. The General Assembly may, by law, not inconsistent with this Constitution, establish and define the jurisdiction of the courts of this State, prescribe rules of practice, and the course of business therein; and determine the number of terms of said courts, and the time and place of holding the same; but no law shall be passed to confer original jurisdiction in any case whatever, on the court of Appeals, or to require said court to sit elsewhere than at the seat of government; or to give Justices of the Peace jurisdiction in any case, when the matter or thing in controversy exceeds one hundred dollars in value; and all laws regulating and determining the jurisdictions of the Courts or Justices of the Peace; and for the administration of justice, shall, as far as practicable, be uniform throughout this State.

Sec. 10. The Judges of the several Judicial Districts shall be citizens of the United States, and shall have resided five years in this State, and two years in the Judicial District for which they may be respectively appointed, next before the time of appointment, and shall reside therein while they continue to act as Judges; they shall be selected from among those who having the other qualifications herein prescribed, are most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound legal knowledge, and appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and shall hold their offices during good behaviour, removeable for misbehaviour on conviction in a court of law, or shall be removed by the Governor, upon the address of the General Assembly, provided that two-thirds of the members of each House shall concur in such address; and the said Judges shall each receive a salary of twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, and the same shall not be diminished during the time of their continuance in office; and no Judge of any court in this State who has a salary fixed by law shall receive any perquisite, fee or reward in addition thereto, for the performance of any judicial duty.