

mode of determining contested elections for said officers shall be prescribed by law; and in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of any Clerk or Register, a new election shall be held as aforesaid, at the next general election for Delegates to the General Assembly; and in the mean time the Judge or Judges of the District in which said vacancy may occur, shall immediately appoint a person having the qualifications aforesaid to fill said vacancy; and the person so appointed, shall be Register of Wills, or Clerk as the case may be, for the county or city for which he may be appointed; and shall hold said office, discharge the duties, and be entitled to the fees and emoluments thereof, according to law, until the election and qualification of his successor; and the Clerk for the district court for Baltimore city shall in addition to his other duties in like manner perform the duties and be entitled to the fees of the clerk of Baltimore city court; and the General Assembly shall have full power to enlarge, alter or change the powers and duties of the said clerks and Registers, prescribe the mode of qualifying and fix, determine or alter their fees or compensation.

Sec. 14. Justices of the Peace of this State for the several counties and the city of Baltimore, shall be elected by the qualified voters of the county or city for which the election may be held, and shall hold their offices for the term of two years, and until their successors shall have been elected, and shall have qualified; and the General Assembly shall, by law, prescribe the number of Justices of the Peace for each county and city; their duties and emoluments; the time, place and manner of holding elections, the mode of making returns thereof, rules for determining contested elections; for certifying the election and qualifications of the persons elected; and for filling all vacancies which may occur; but no person shall be a Justice of the Peace for any county or city, who shall not be entitled to vote therein at the time of his election.

Sec. 15. Constables, Coroners and Elizors shall be appointed as now prescribed by law, or in such manner as the General Assembly may direct.

Sec. 16. Sheriffs shall be elected in each county, and in the city of Baltimore every fourth 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 four years, such person shall be ineligible for the five 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 four years; the other person chosen as aforesaid shall be commissioned by the Governor to