

third district; Washington and Allegany counties shall be the fourth district; Baltimore city shall be the fifth district; Baltimore Harford and Cecil counties shall be the sixth district; Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot and Caroline counties shall be the seventh district; and Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties the eighth district; and there shall be elected as hereinafter directed, one person having the qualifications hereinafter prescribed, for each of the said judicial districts, except the fifth, to be Judge thereof; the said Judges shall be styled district judges, and shall respectively hold a term of their courts at least twice in each year or oftener if required by law, in each county composing their respective districts, and the said courts shall be called district courts for counties in which it may be held, and shall have, hold and exercise, in the several counties of this State all and every the powers, authorities, and jurisdictions which the county courts of this State now have, hold and exercise, or which shall hereafter be prescribed by laws, made pursuant to this constitution, and the said judges in their respective districts, shall have, use and exercise all the powers, authorities and jurisdiction which the Chancellor of Maryland, as a judge in equity now has, uses and exercises, and the said judges shall also be judges of the Orphans' courts of the several counties composing their respective districts, and shall have, hold and exercise all and every the powers, authorities and jurisdiction which the Orphan's courts of this State now have, hold and exercise, or which may hereafter be conferred by law.

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 elected, next before the time of election, 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 elected by the qualified voters of the said districts, and shall hold for the term of ten years, or until they shall have attained the age of seventy years, removable for misbehaviour, on conviction in a court of law, or 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."

Which was read.

And after debate thereon;

At 3 o'clock, P. M.

On motion of Mr. Mitchell,

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock.