

shall be the duty of the Chancellor or Judge of the Orphans' court to attend at least six times in every year, and oftener when the business of the county may require it, to examine into and discharge the duties as Judge of the Orphans' court for such county in his district, as are now or hereafter may be provided by law. He shall examine into and revise the proceedings of the Register of Wills of each county, establish such and rules orders, not inconsistent with the law, as may tend to facilitate the business of the court. There shall be a Register of Wills for the Orphans' court of each county in the State, who shall be elected by a plurality vote of the legal voters of the county, who shall discharge the duties now or which may hereafter be required by law, whose term of office, qualifications, manner of election, and removal shall be the same as those herein provided for the Clerks to the courts of the said counties. He shall also discharge the duties of Register in Chancery, in such manner as may be required by law. The Legislature shall provide a suitable annual salary in lieu of fees and perquisites as at present exists.

Which was read.

Mr. Michael Newcomer, offered as a substitute for said amendment, the following :

“The qualified voters of the city of Baltimore and of the several counties of the State shall severally, by a plurality vote, on the first Wednesday of November eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and on the same day of the same month in every fourth year forever thereafter, elect three men to be Judges of the orphans' court of said city and counties respectively, who shall be citizens of the State of Maryland and citizens of the city or county for which they are severally elected at the time of their election; and who shall have power to take probate of wills, to grant letters testamentary, to appoint administrators, guardians and collectors, to superintend the distribution of estates of intestates, to secure the rights of distributees, orphans and legatees, and to administer justice relative to the affairs of deceased persons, according to the laws now in force, giving jurisdiction to the Orphans' courts in this State, or which may hereafter be passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, touching their powers and jurisdiction ;”

Which was read.

Mr. Shriver, moved to amend said substitute by striking out the words “three men,” and inserting in lieu thereof “one man;”

On motion of Mr. Shriver,

The yeas and nays were ordered and appeared as follows :

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Chapman, President, Ricaud, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Sellman, Jenifer, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Chandler, Ridgely, Sherwood, of Talbot, John Dennis, Crisfield, Dashiell, Hodson, Eccleston, Phelps, McCullough, McLane, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, McCubbin, Spencer, Wright, Dirickson, McMaster, Shriver, Johnson, McHenry, Magraw,