

for the term of ten years, and who shall be subject to all the provisions of this Constitution with regard to the election and qualification of Judges and their removal from office; and the said court shall have jurisdiction in all prosecutions for assault and battery—for keeping disorderly houses—for larceny where the property stolen does not exceed in value the sum of twenty dollars—in all prosecutions for receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen—and for selling goods without license: and it shall be the duty of the Legislature to provide for quarterly sessions of the said court for the purpose of trying those cases in which a trial by jury may be demanded by the accused; and also to provide that the said court shall hold frequent sessions for the trial of cases, subject to its jurisdiction in which the accused may not demand a jury trial; and the Judge of the said court shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars.

Sec. 18. There shall be a clerk of each county court, who shall be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters of each county, and who shall hold his office for the term of six years, from the time of his election and until a new election is held, and be re-eligible thereto, subject to removal for wilful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office by presentment of a Grand Jury and conviction of a Petit Jury, of the county in which he shall reside. There shall also be a clerk of the Court of Common Pleas in Baltimore city, who shall also be the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, and the Register in Chancery of the Chancery Court of the city of Baltimore, and there shall also be a clerk of the criminal court of Baltimore city, who shall also be the clerk of the police court of Baltimore city, and each of said clerks shall be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters of the city of Baltimore, and shall hold his office for six years, from the time of his election, and until a new election is held, and be re-eligible thereto, subject in like manner to be removed for wilful neglect of duty or other misdemeanor in office by presentment of a grand jury and conviction of a petit jury of said city. In case of a vacancy in the office of a clerk, the judge or judges of the court of which he was clerk, shall have the power to appoint a clerk until an election can be held, which shall take place under the directions of the Sheriff upon giving thirty days public notice thereof.

Sec. 19. The Legislature shall provide by law, some plain, intelligible and simple mode of compensation to the clerks of the several courts in this State, in lieu of the existing mode of fees.

Sec. 20. There shall be a Register of Wills in each county of the State, and in the city of Baltimore, to be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters of said counties and city respectively, and who shall hold his office for six years from the time of his election, and until a new election shall take place, and be re-eligible thereto, subject to be removed for wilful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office, in the same manner that the clerks of the county courts are removable. The Legislature shall provide by law, suitable annual salaries for such Register of Wills, to be levied on the assessable property of

said counties and city respectively, in lieu of all fees and perquisites as now established by law. In the event of any vacancy in the office of Register of Wills, said vacancy shall be filled by the judge or judges of the court, until an election can be held, which shall take place under the directions of the Sheriff, upon thirty days public notice thereof.

Sec. 21. There shall be five Justices of the Peace, in each election district of every county of the State, and two in each ward of the city of Baltimore, to be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters in each of said districts and wards respectively, who shall hold their offices for two years, from the time of their election and until a successor in office is elected. They shall be, by virtue of their offices, conservators of the peace in the said counties and city respectively, and shall have such civil and criminal jurisdiction, as shall be provided for by law. In the event of a vacancy in the office of a Justice of Peace, a new election shall be held under the directions of the Sheriff of the county or city where such vacancy occurs, upon ten days notice thereof; an appeal shall be in all civil cases from the judgment of a Justice of the Peace, to the judges of the county courts and of the court of common pleas for Baltimore city, as the case may be, and on all such appeals, either party shall be entitled to a trial by jury, where the amount in controversy shall be above ten dollars.

Sec. 22. Sheriffs shall be elected in each county and in the city of Baltimore, every third 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 three years, such person shall be ineligible for the four 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 three years, the other person chosen as aforesaid, shall be commissioned by the Governor to execute the said office, for the residue of the said three years, the said person giving bond with security as aforesaid. No person shall be eligible to the office of Sheriff, but a resident of such county or city respectively, and who shall have been a citizen of this State at least five years preceding his election, and above the age of twenty-one years. The two candidates properly qualified having the highest number of legal ballots, shall be declared duly elected for the office of sheriff for such county or city, and returned to the Governor with a certificate of the number of ballots for each of them.

Sec. 23. Constables, coroners, and elizors, shall be appointed for each county and the city of Baltimore, in the manner now prescribed by law, or in such other manner as the General Assembly may hereafter direct.

Sec. 24. No Judge shall sit in any case wherein