

Sec. 21. For each Circuit (the eighth excepted) there shall be three Judges, who shall be styled Circuit Judges, one of said Judges, during his term of office, shall reside in each county of the Circuit; the said Judges shall hold a term of their Courts in each of the counties composing their respective Circuits at such times as now are or may hereafter be fixed by law, such terms to be never less than two in each year in each county; special terms may be held by said Judges, in their discretion, whenever the business of their several counties renders such terms necessary; a single Judge may hold sessions of the Circuit Court for the disposal of all equity business, all business merely formal and uncontested, appeals from the decisions of Justices of the Peace, (but no other appeals,) and such causes civil or criminal as the parties litigant shall consent to try before a single Judge.

Sec. 22. The salary of each Judge of the Circuit Court shall be three thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and shall not be increased or diminished during his continuance in office.

Sec. 23. There shall be a Clerk of the Circuit Court for each county, who shall be elected by a plurality vote of the qualified voters of said county; he shall hold his office for the term of six years from the time of his election, and until a new election is held and his successor duly qualified; he shall be re-eligible at the end of his term, and shall at any time be subject to removal for wilful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a Court of Law.

#### PART IV.

##### ORPHANS' COURTS.

Sec. 24. There shall be an Orphans' Court in each of the counties of the State, and the city of Baltimore, and the Circuit Judge resident in any county shall be ex-officio Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of such county, and one of the Judges of the Circuit Court of Baltimore city shall sit as Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of said city; the qualified voters of the city of Baltimore and of the several counties of the State shall, on Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and on the same day of the same month in every fourth year thereafter, elect two men to be Associate Judges of the Orphans' Court of said city and counties respectively; no person shall be elected Associate Judge of the Orphans' Court unless he be a citizen of the State of Maryland, and resident in the city or county for which he may be elected at the time of his election; each of said Associate Judges shall be paid at a per diem