

rate for the time they are in session, to be fixed by the Legislature, and paid by the said counties and city respectively.

Sec. 25. The said Orphans' Courts shall have all the powers now vested in the Orphans' Courts of this State, subject to such changes therein as the Legislature may prescribe; and in addition to the jurisdiction now exercised by the said Courts, they shall have and exercise in relation to the real estate of deceased persons concurrent jurisdiction with the Circuit Courts sitting as Courts of Equity, and it shall be the duty of the Legislature to make such modifications of existing laws as may be requisite to give full power and effect to this provision.

• Sec. 26. There shall be a Register of Wills in each county of the State, and in the city of Baltimore, to be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said counties and city respectively, who shall hold his office for six years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified; he shall be re-eligible, and subject at all times to removal for willful neglect of duty, or misdemeanor in office, in the same manner that Clerks of Courts are removable. In the event of any vacancy in the office of Register of Wills, said vacancy shall be filled by the Judges of the Orphans' Court in which such vacancy occurs, until the next general election of Delegates to the General Assembly, when a Register shall be elected to serve for six years thereafter.

## PART V.

### COURTS OF BALTIMORE CITY.

Sec. 27. There shall be in the eighth Judicial Circuit two Courts, to be styled the Superior Court of Baltimore city and the Circuit Court of Baltimore city; each Court to consist of three Judges, who shall be appointed in the same manner, hold their offices for the same time, and have the same general powers and duties as are herein prescribed for other Judges of Courts of Record in this State.

Sec. 28. The Superior Court of Baltimore city shall have all the power and jurisdiction heretofore conferred upon and exercised by the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore city, (except the equity powers of the Superior Court,) subject to such modifications as may be made by law, and the Judges shall so apportion and distribute the business of their Court as shall best facilitate the dispatch of business and promote the ends of justice.

Sec. 29. Either of said Judges may sit alone for the trial of causes appealed from the decisions of Justices of the Peace,