

Mr. Miller submitted the following amendment :

Sec. 24, line four, strike out the word "may," and insert the words "are now or may hereafter;"

Decided in the affirmative.

The report was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Smith, of Carroll, from the Committee on State's Attorneys, submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on State's Attorneys, beg leave respectfully to make the following report :

ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Section 1. There shall be an Attorney General, elected by the people of the State on general ticket on the—— of—— next, and on the same day every year thereafter, who shall hold his office for——years from the 1st Monday of January next ensuing his election, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified, and shall be re-eligible thereto, and shall be subject to removal therefrom for incompetency, willful neglect of duty, or misdemeanor in office on conviction in a Court of Law.

Sec. 2. All elections for Attorney General shall be certified to, and returns made thereof by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts for the several counties, and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, to the Governor of the State, whose duty it shall be to decide upon the elections and qualifications of the person returned, and in case of a tie between two or more persons to designate which of said persons shall qualify as Attorney General and to administer the oath of office to the person elected.

Sec. 3. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to prosecute and defend, on the part of the State, all cases which at the time of his election and qualification, and thereafter may be depending in the Court of Appeals, or in the Supreme Court of the United States, by, or against the State, or wherein the State may be interested ; and he shall give his opinion in writing whenever required by the General Assembly, or either branch thereof, the Governor, Comptroller, the Treasurer or any State's Attorney on any matter or subject depending before them, and when required by the Governor or the General Assembly, he shall aid any State's Attorney in prosecuting any suit, or action brought by the