

Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court of the county for which he is elected.

Sec. 21. Same as section 19 in the Report of the Committee.

Sec. 22. In each of the above named Circuits, except the eighth, there shall be three Courts, one to be held in each county, they shall be called Circuit Courts for the county in which they may be held, and shall have and exercise in the several counties of the respective Circuits all the common law power and authority, original and appellate, and criminal jurisdiction which the Circuit Courts for the several counties now have, hold and exercise, or which may hereafter be prescribed by laws made pursuant to this Constitution.

Sec. 23. The Judges of the several counties comprising the said Judicial Circuits shall be the Judges of the Circuit Courts for the respective counties embraced within the said Judicial Circuits. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall designate the Chief Justice of the several Circuits. 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 the several counties renders such terms necessary; a single Judge may hold sessions of the Circuit Court for the disposal of all business merely formal and uncontested, such causes civil or criminal as the parties litigant shall consent in writing to try before a single Judge, and appeals from Justices of the Peace where the parties agree in writing to waive a trial by jury, and to try the appeal before a single Judge."

Sec. 24. The Chief Justice when so appointed as herein prescribed, shall when attending, preside in said Courts, and in case of his absence or his withdrawing from the bench, the Judge next in seniority, to be determined from the date of the commission, who shall be present shall preside therein; and in case of the death, disqualification, or refusal to act, of the person appointed Chief Justice as aforesaid, the Judge next in seniority as aforesaid, shall be the Chief Justice of the said Court until a new appointment of Chief Justice shall be made as aforesaid.

Mr. Belt moved that the several proposed amendments be printed in bill form ;

Decided in the affirmative.