

Sec. 29 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 willful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a Court of Law. In the event of any vacancy in the office of the Clerk of any of the Circuit Courts, said vacancy shall be filled by the Judge of said Circuit in which said vacancy occurs until the next general election for county officers, when a clerk of said Circuit Court shall be elected to serve for six years thereafter.

Sec. 30. The Judges of the respective Circuit Courts of this State, and of the Courts of Baltimore City, shall render their decisions in all cases argued before them, or submitted for their judgment, within two months after the same shall have been argued or submitted.

#### PART IV.

##### *Courts of Baltimore City.*

Sec. 31. There shall be in the thirteenth Judicial Circuit four Courts, to be styled the Superior Court of Baltimore city; the Court of Common Pleas; the Circuit Court of Baltimore city; and the Criminal Court of Baltimore; each Court shall consist of one Judge, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city; and shall hold his office for the term of fifteen years, subject to the provisions of this Constitution with regard to the election and qualification of Judges and their removal from office, and shall exercise the jurisdiction hereinafter specified.

Sec. 32. Each of said Judges shall receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars, payable quarterly.

Sec. 33. The Superior Court of Baltimore city, shall have jurisdiction over all suits where the debt or damage claimed, exclusive of interest, shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars, and in case any plaintiff or plaintiffs shall recover less than the sum or value of one thousand dollars, he or they shall be allowed or adjudged to pay costs in the discretion of the Court. The said Court shall also have jurisdiction as a Court of Equity within the limits of the said city, and in all other civil cases, which are not hereinafter assigned to the Court of Common Pleas, and also have jurisdiction in all cases of appeals from the Commissioners for opening streets.

Sec. 34. The Court of Common Pleas shall have civil jurisdiction in all suits where the debt or damage claimed, ex-