

removal in all civil causes be confined to an adjoining county within the judicial circuit, except as to the city of Baltimore, where the removal may be to an adjoining county, for trial, which court shall hear and determine the same in like manner as if such suit or action, issues or petitions, presentment or indictment, had been originally instituted therein; and provided also, that such suggestion shall be made as aforesaid, before or during the term in which the issue or issues may be joined in said suit or action, issues or petition, presentment or indictment, and that such further remedy in the premises may be provided by law, as the legislature shall from time to time direct and enact.

SEC. 29. All elections of judges, and other officers provided for by this Constitution, shall be certified, and the returns made by the clerks of the respective counties to the Governor, who shall issue commissions to the different persons for the offices to which they shall have been respectively elected; and in all such elections, the person having the greatest number of votes, shall be declared to be elected.

SEC. 30. If in any case of election for judges, clerks of the courts of law, and registers of wills, the opposing candidates shall have an equal number of votes, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election; and in case of any contested election, the Governor shall send the returns to the house of delegates, who shall judge of the election and qualification of the candidates at such election.

SEC. 31. Every person of good moral character, being a voter, shall be admitted to practice law in all the courts of law in this State, in his own case.

ARTICLE V.

THE STATE'S ATTORNEYS.

SECTION 1. There shall be an attorney for the State in each county and the city of Baltimore, to be styled "the State's attorney," who shall be elected by the voters thereof, respectively, on the first Wednesday of November next, and on the same day of every fourth year thereafter, and hold his office for four years from the first Monday of January next ensuing his election, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified, and shall be re-eligible thereto, and be subject to removal therefrom for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law.

SEC. 2. All elections for the State's attorney shall be certified to, and returns made thereof, by the clerks of the said counties and city to the judges thereof having criminal jurisdiction, respectively, whose duty it shall be to decide upon the elections and qualifications of the persons returned, and in case of a tie between two or more persons, to designate which of said persons shall qualify as State's

attorney, and to administer the oaths of office to the persons elected.

SEC. 3. The State's attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions as are now prescribed by law for the attorney general and his deputies, and such other duties, fees and commissions as may hereafter be prescribed by law, and if any State's attorney shall receive any other fee or reward than such as is, or may be allowed by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, be removed from office.

SEC. 4. No person shall be eligible to the office of State's attorney who has not been admitted to practice the law in this State, and who has not resided for at least one year in the county or city in which he may be elected.

SEC. 5. In case of vacancy in the office of State's attorney, or of his removal from the county or city in which he shall have been elected, or on his conviction as hereinbefore specified, the said vacancy shall be filled by the judge of the county or city, respectively, having criminal jurisdiction in which said vacancy shall occur, until the election and qualification of his successor; at which election said vacancy shall be filled by the voters of the said county or city, for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the court of appeals, and the commissioner of the land office, respectively, whenever a case shall be brought into said court or office, in which the State is a party, or has an interest, immediately to notify the Governor thereof.

ARTICLE VI.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 1. There shall be a treasury department, consisting of a comptroller, chosen by the qualified electors of the State, at each election of members of the house of delegates, who shall receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; and of a treasurer, to be appointed by the two houses of the legislature, at each session thereof, on joint ballot, who shall also receive an annual salary of two thousand five hundred dollars; and neither of the said officers shall be allowed or receive any fees, commissions, or perquisites of any kind, in addition to his salary, for the performance of any duty or service whatever. In case of a vacancy in either of the offices, by death or otherwise, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the senate, shall fill such vacancy by appointment, to continue until another election by the people, or a choice by the legislature, as the case may be, and the qualification of the successor. The comptroller and the treasurer shall keep their offices at the seat of government, and shall take such oath, and enter into such bonds, for the faithful discharge of their duties, as the legislature shall prescribe.