

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, exclusive of interest, shall be over one hundred dollars, and shall not exceed one thousand dollars; and shall also have jurisdiction in all cases of appeal in civil cases from the judgment of justices of the peace in the said city, and shall have jurisdiction in all applications for the benefit of the insolvent laws of this State, and the supervision and control of the trustees thereof.

Sec. 35. The circuit court of Baltimore city shall have jurisdiction concurrent with the superior court of Baltimore city, in all cases in equity, in cases arising under the act to direct de-cents, and its supplements, and shall exercise all the power that is now conferred by law, provided said court shall not have jurisdiction in applications for the writ of *habeas corpus*, in cases of persons charged with criminal offences.

Sec. 36. The criminal court of Baltimore shall have and exercise all the jurisdiction now held and exercised by the criminal court of Baltimore, except in cases of appeals from commissioners for opening streets, and shall have jurisdiction in all cases of appeals from justices of the peace in said city, for the recovery of fines, penalties and forfeitures.

Sec. 37. The present judges of the several courts of Baltimore city, shall continue to act as such until the expiration of the terms for which they were respectively elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

Sec. 38. All causes pending in the several courts of Baltimore city at the adoption of this constitution shall be prosecuted to final judgment, as though the jurisdiction of the several courts in which they may be pending had not been changed.

Sec. 39. There shall be a clerk of each of

the said courts of Baltimore city, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city, and shall hold his office for six years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and be re-eligible thereto, subject to be removed for wilful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office on conviction in a court of law. In case of a vacancy in the office of a clerk of any of the said courts, the judge of the court of which he was clerk, shall have the power to appoint a clerk until the general election for county officers held next thereafter, when a clerk of said court shall be elected to serve for six years thereafter.

Sec. 40. The present clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city and of the court of common pleas, and of the criminal court of Baltimore, shall continue to act as clerks of said courts respectively during the time for which they were severally elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of either of said clerks before the expiration of the time for which they were elected, the judge of the court where such death, resignation or other disqualification may occur, shall have the power to appoint a clerk as provided by the thirty-ninth section of this article. The present clerk of the circuit court of Baltimore city shall continue to act as clerk of said court until the first election for county officers next after the adoption of this constitution, when a clerk of said court shall be elected in the same manner, and hold his office for the same time, and be subject to the same provisions of this constitution, as the clerks of the courts in said city.

Sec. 41. The general assembly shall, whenever it may think the same proper and expedient, provide by law another court for the city of Baltimore, to consist of one judge, to be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city, who shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold his office for the same term of years, and receive the same compensation as the judge of the superior court of said city, and said court shall have such jurisdiction and powers as may be prescribed by law; and the general assembly may re-apportion the civil jurisdiction among the several courts in Baltimore city from time to time, as in their judgments the public interest and convenience may require.

Sec. 42. The clerk of the court of common pleas shall have authority to issue within said city, all marriage and other licenses required by law, subject to such provisions as the general assembly have now or may hereafter prescribe, and the clerk of the superior court of said city shall receive and record all deeds, conveyances, and other papers which are required by law to be recorded in said city. He shall also have custody of all papers connected with the proceedings on the law or equity side of Baltimore county court, and of the dockets