

COUNTY OFFICERS

CLERKS OF COURTS are elected by the people and hold office for six years from the date of their election.

SHERIFFS are elected by the people and hold office for two years from the date of their election (except when otherwise provided by local law).

REGISTERS OF WILLS are elected by the people and hold office for six years from the date of their election.

STATE'S ATTORNEYS are elected by the people and hold office for four years from the date of their election.

SURVEYORS are elected by the people and hold office for two years from the first Monday in January next ensuing from their election.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS are elected by the people and hold office for two, four or six years from the date of their election. The exact terms being regulated by different local laws.

JUDGES OF ORPHANS' COURTS are elected by the people and hold office for four years from the time of their election.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, for a term of two years from the first Monday in May. Justices of the Peace do not hold over until the appointment of their successors, but their jurisdiction ceases upon the expiration of their term. (Const., Art. IV, Sec. 42.)

The number of Justices in the counties and in Baltimore City is fixed by Local Law, but Section 4 of Article 52, P. G. L., provides for the appointment of at least two Justices for new election districts in the counties, and for each additional ward in Baltimore City.

POLICE JUSTICES FOR BALTIMORE CITY, one for each station house and one at large, are selected by the Governor from the list of civil Justices appointed for the city and by him assigned to the several stations. (Act 1898, Ch. 123, Sec. 630.)

THE BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS in the several counties and Baltimore City are appointed by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate, for a term of two years. Two members of each board shall always be selected, one from each of the two leading political parties of the State. In making these appointments the Governor is required to call upon the State Central Committees of the two leading political parties from each county and from Baltimore City for at least four names from among which to make a selection. Supervisors in Baltimore City receive a salary of fifteen hundred dollars and in the counties of one hundred and fifty dollars. Supervisors qualify before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City and the Clerk of the Circuit Courts in the counties. (1896, Ch. 202.)

NOTARIES PUBLIC are appointed for the several counties and Baltimore City by the Governor, with the consent of the Senate. They are required to be citizens of the United States, and to have resided in the State of Maryland for at least two years. The residence of the Notary is to be designated by the Governor in the commission. They hold office for a term of two years. The number of Notaries in the counties is not fixed by law, the Governor being authorized to appoint a number in his discretion. The number allowed in the City of Baltimore is two hundred and eighty, forty-seven of whom may be women. Notaries bond in Baltimore City in the sum of six thousand dollars and in the counties in the sum of two thousand dollars.