

cuit Courts for the several counties, and the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, to the Governor of the State, whose duty it shall be to decide on the election and qualification of the person returned; and in case of a tie between two or more persons to designate which of said persons shall qualify as Attorney-General, and to administer the oath of office to the person elected.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General to prosecute and defend on the part of the State all cases which at the time of his appointment and qualification and which thereafter may be depending in the Court of Appeals, or in the Supreme Court of the United States, by or against the State, or wherein the State may be interested; and he shall give his opinion in writing whenever required by the General Assembly or either branch thereof, the Governor, the Comptroller of the Treasury, or any State's Attorney, on any legal matter or subject depending before them or either of them; and when required by the Governor or General Assembly he shall aid any State's Attorney in prosecuting any suit or action brought by the State in any Court of the State, and he shall commence and prosecute or defend any suit or action in any of said courts, on the part of the State, which the General Assembly or the Governor, acting according to law, shall direct to be commenced, prosecuted or defended, and he shall have and perform such other duties and shall appoint such number of deputies or assistants as the General Assembly may from time to time by law prescribe; and he shall receive for his services an annual salary of three thousand dollars, or such annual salary as the General Assembly may from time to time by law prescribe; but he shall not be entitled to receive any fees, perquisites or rewards whatever in addition to the salary aforesaid for the performance of any official duty; nor shall the Governor employ any additional counsel in any case whatever, unless authorized by the General Assembly.*

SEC. 4. No person shall be eligible to the office of Attorney-General, who is not a citizen of this State, and a qualified voter therein, and has not resided and practiced law in this State for at least ten years.

SEC. 5. In case of vacancy in the office of Attorney-General, occasioned by death, resignation, removal from the State or from office, or other disqualification, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

* Thus amended by Chapter 663, Acts of 1912, ratified by the people November 4, 1913.