

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES AFFECTING JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

PART VII—SHERIFFS (CORONERS, ELISORS, NOTARIES PUBLIC)

	1865	1867	1864	1851	1776
§ 44					
<i>Sheriffs:</i>					
<i>Selection:</i>					
By voters of county (city).	Same (§ 44).	Same (§ 49).	Same (§ 20).	Election by freemen over 21 years old; resident in county for the year before election; 50 acres of freehold land in the county; 30 pounds property value in State.	
<i>Number:</i>					
One per county (city).	Same (§ 44).	Same (§ 49).	Two elected per county (city), but governor commissions the one with the higher vote. The second elected official is appointed if the first vacates.	Same (§ 42).	
<i>Term:</i>					
4 years. [Amended, 1954.]	2 years (§ 44).	2 years (§ 49). Ineligible for two successive terms.	2 years; ineligible for two successive terms (§ 20).	3 years (§ 42); ineligible for next four years.	
<i>Qualifications:</i>					
Resident of county (city); United States citizen for five years; at least 25 years old.	Same, except state citizen for five years (§ 44).	Same, except state citizen for five years (§ 44).	Resident of county (city); state citizen for five years; at least 21 years old.	Inhabitant of the county; at least 21 years old; real and personal property of at least 1,000 pounds.	
<i>Deities:</i>					
(Including bond).	Same (§ 44).		Bond must be given each year (§ 20).	Judges of election of delegates (§ 3). Bond given "as usual."	
<i>Salary, Expenses:</i>					
By law.	No provision.	No provision.			
<i>Vacancy Filled:</i>					
By governor.	Same (§ 44).	Same (§ 49).	Governor appoints second elected individual to the office (§ 20).	By governor with council approval (§ 42).	