

PART V.—ORPHANS' COURTS.

Sec. 43. There shall be an Orphans' Court in the city of Baltimore, and in each of the counties of this State. The qualified voters of the city of Baltimore and of the several counties of the State shall, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, elect three men to be Judges of the Orphans' Court of said city and counties respectively; one of the said Judges first elected shall hold his office for two years, one for four years and the other for six years; and at the first meeting after their election and qualification, or as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall determine by lot which one of their number shall hold his office for two, four and six years, respectively, and thereafter there shall be elected as aforesaid, at each general election for county officers, one Judge to serve for the term of six years. No person shall be elected Judge of the Orphans' Court unless he be at the time of his election a citizen of the United States and resident for twelve months in the city or county for which he may be elected; each of said Judges shall receive such compensation, to be paid by the said counties and city respectively, as is now or may hereafter be prescribed by the General Assembly.

Sec. 44. In case of the death, resignation, removal or other disqualification of a Judge of an Orphans' Court, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

Sec. 45. The Orphans' Courts shall have all the powers now vested by law in the Orphans' Courts of this State, subject to such changes as the General Assembly may prescribe, and shall have

such other jurisdiction as may from time to time be provided by law.

Sec. 46. There shall be a Register of Wills in each county of the State and in the city of Baltimore, to be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said counties and city respectively, who shall hold his office for six years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified; he shall be re-eligible and subject at all times to removal for willful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office in the same manner that the Clerks of Courts are removable. In the event of any vacancy in the office of Register of Wills, said vacancy shall be filled by the Judges of the Orphans' Court in which such vacancy occurs, until the next general election for county officers, when a Register shall be elected to serve for six years thereafter.

PART VI.—JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

Sec. 47. The Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint such number of Justices of the Peace, and the County Commissioners of the several counties, and the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, shall appoint such number of Constables for the several Election Districts of the Counties and Wards of the city of Baltimore, as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law; and Justices of the Peace and Constables so appointed, shall be subject to removal by the Judge having criminal jurisdiction in the county or city for incompetency, willful neglect of duty, or misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law. The Justices of the Peace and Constables so appointed and commissioned shall be conservators of the peace, shall hold their office for two years, and shall have such jurisdiction, duties and compensation, subject to such right of appeal in all