

Headnotes	Present Constitution	Constitution of 1867	Constitution of 1864
<p>Circuit Court: Selection of Judges; number of judges; increased or decreased by General Assembly; number required for certain Circuits and counties; vacancies; chief judge; terms; quorum; provision for transition.</p>	<p>nineteen hundred and sixty-six, shall each, alternately and in rotation and on schedules to be established by the said judges, sit as an Orphan's Court for said County, and shall have and exercise all the power, authority and jurisdiction which the present Orphans' Courts now have and exercise, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law.</p> <p>Sec. 21. From and after January 1, 1955, there shall be in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh circuits at least one judge for each county, who shall be a resident of the county in which he shall hold office, and who shall be elected by the voters thereof, to be styled judges of the Circuit Court, to be elected or appointed as herein provided. The number of judges for any of the circuits or for any of the counties, may be increased or decreased by the General Assembly from time to time, and any vacancy so created shall be filled as provided in Section 5 of this Article except that in the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh judicial circuits there shall never be less than one judge for each county and in all of the circuits there shall never be less than four for each circuit. The senior judge in length of service shall be the chief judge of the circuit; the other judge or judges shall be associate judges. In the first and second judicial circuits no two of said judges of the Circuit Court shall at the time of their election or ap-</p>	<p>Sec. 21. For each of the said Circuits (excepting the Eighth,) there shall be a Chief Judge, and two Associate Judges, to be styled Judges of the Circuit Court, to be elected or appointed, as herein provided. And no two of said Associate Judges shall, at the time of their election, or appointment, or during the term, for which they may have been elected, or appointed, reside in the same County. If two or more persons shall be candidates for Associate Judge, in the same County, that one only in said County shall be declared elected, who has the highest number of votes in the Circuit. In case any two candidates for Associate Judge, residing in the same County, shall have an equal number of votes, greater than any other candidate for Associate Judge, in the Circuit, it shall be the duty of the Governor to order a new election for one Associate Judge; but the person, residing in any other County of the Circuit, and who has the next highest number of votes shall be declared elected. The said Judges shall hold not less than two Terms of the Cir-</p>	<p>Sec. 26. For each Circuit (the Thirteenth excepted) there shall be one Judge, who shall be styled Circuit Judge, who, during his term of office, shall reside in one of the counties composing the Circuit for which he may be elected; the said Judges shall hold a term of their Courts in each of the counties composing their respective Circuits at such times as now are or may hereafter be fixed by law, such terms to be never less than two in each year in each county; special terms may be held by said Judges in their discretion, whenever the business of their several counties renders such terms necessary.</p> <p>Sec. 27. The present Judges of the Circuit Courts shall continue to act as Judges of the respective Circuit Courts within the Judicial Circuits in which they respectively reside, until the expiration of the term for which they were respectively elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified, viz: the present Judges of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth and Eighth Judicial Circuits, as organized at the</p>

Constitution of 1851	Constitution of 1776	Amendments to 1776 Constitution