

Oath prescribed.

1822, *ch.* 204.—**SEC. 1.** That every member of the senate and house of delegates, before he shall act as such, shall take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, to wit: I, A. B. do swear, (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of Maryland, and that I will support the constitution and laws thereof; that I will not directly or indirectly receive the profits, or any part of the profits of any other office during the time of my acting as senator (or member of the house of delegates) and that I will faithfully discharge my duty as senator (or member of the house of delegates) without prejudice or partiality, to the best of my skill and judgment. And that * * * * * all executive and judicial officers, before they act as such, and all persons elected or appointed to any office of profit or trust, civil or military, before entering upon the duties thereof, shall respectively take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, to wit: I, A. B. do swear, (or affirm, as the case may be,) that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the state of Maryland, and that I will support the constitution and laws thereof, and that I will to the best of my skill and judgment, diligently and faithfully, without partiality or prejudice, execute the office of ——— according to the constitution and laws of this state.

Tenure of office of chancellor and registers of land office.

ART. 40. That the chancellor, the registers of the land office, * * * * * shall hold their commissions during good behaviour, removable only for misbehaviour on conviction in a court of law.

SHERIFFS.

Election of sheriffs.

ART. 42. That sheriffs shall be elected in each county, by ballot, every third year; that is to say, two persons for the office of sheriff for each county, the one of whom having the majority of votes, or if both have an equal number, either of them, at the discretion of the governor, to be commissioned by the governor for the said office; and having served for three years, such person shall be ineligible for the four years next succeeding. Bond with security to be taken every year as usual; and no sheriff shall be qualified to act before the same is given. In case of death, refusal, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the three years, the other person chosen as aforesaid shall be commissioned by the governor to execute the said office for the residue of the said three years, the said person giving bond, with security, as aforesaid; and in case of his death, refusal, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, before the expiration of the said three years, the governor, * * * * * may nominate and commission a fit and proper person to exe-