

during the first four days of the fall term of said court, and where the Circuit Court for any county is held in December, such court shall be deemed a fall term in the meaning of this section.

44. On default of any clerk to execute the bond required by the two preceding sections within the time therein prescribed, such defaulter shall be subject to a penalty of one thousand dollars, to be recovered by indictment in the name of the State, in the Circuit Court for the county in which such officer shall reside.

45. It shall be the duty of each clerk to transmit to the Comptroller, on the first day of January next after the execution of said bond, a certified copy thereof.

46. He shall, in the absence of the judge of the court on occasion of sickness at any regular or adjourned term of the court, call over the civil appearance docket, take the returns of the sheriff, and enter the appearance of the defendants when required, either in person or by attorney.

47. He may, at any regular or adjourned term of the court, in the absence of the judge aforesaid, by consent of parties in person or by attorney, enter up judgments on the trial, appeal, reference and appearance dockets, in the same manner as if the judge was present; and the same shall be as effectual as if the judge was in court.

48. All civil commissions issued by the Governor and sent by the Secretary of State to the clerks of the respective Circuit Courts, and the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, shall be by them respectively delivered immediately to the persons to whom such commissions are directed, and who may apply for the same.

49. The said clerks shall report to the Secretary of State at least once a month, the names and offices of all officers who have taken and subscribed the oaths required by the Constitution and laws to be taken before them.

50. Each clerk of the Circuit Court for the counties, and the Superior Court of Baltimore city, shall, when required to do so by any person, give a certificate under the seal of his office of the