

Baltimore, shall severally take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the Constitution, before the Judges of their respective courts.

5. All corporation officers, except the Mayor or chief magistrate, shall take such oath as may be prescribed by law or ordinance, before the Mayor or chief magistrate of the corporation.

6. All other officers elected or appointed to any office of trust or profit under the Constitution and laws of this State, including the Mayors or other chief magistrates of municipal corporations, shall take and subscribe the said oath, in the city of Baltimore before the clerk of the Superior Court, and in the several counties before the clerk of the Circuit Court, or before one of the sworn deputies of such clerks.

7. The said clerks shall each procure and keep in his office a well bound book, to be called the test book, in which shall be printed or conspicuously written the oaths aforesaid, and every person taking or subscribing the same shall annex to his signature the title of the office to which he shall have been elected or appointed, and the date of his signature.

8. It shall only be necessary for an officer who is required to take and subscribe the oath prescribed by the fourth section of the first article of the Constitution, to declare orally at the time, his belief in the Christian religion, or if he profess to be a Jew, of his belief in a future state of rewards and punishments, and it shall be presumed that an officer who has taken and subscribed the oath made at the same time such declaration of belief.

9. The oath to be administered to a person who has an appointment which requires him to take an oath, but who is not embraced in the provisions of the aforesaid section of the Constitution, shall be that he will faithfully discharge his duty, unless a different form of oath is prescribed by law or ordinance.

10. Any person, whether elected or appointed to office, who shall decline or neglect to take and subscribe the oaths prescribed by the Constitution, or by law or ordinance, for the period of thirty days from the day when the commission of such officer has been received at the office of the respective clerks, or in those cases in which no commission is sent to the clerks within