

three thousand five hundred dollars, and of each Associate Judge of the Circuit Court shall be two thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and shall not be diminished during his continuance in office.\*\*\*\*

SEC. 25. There shall be a Clerk of the Circuit Court for each county, who shall be elected by a plurality of the qualified voters of said county, and shall hold his office for six years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and be re-eligible, subject to be removed for wilful neglect of duty or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law.<sup>1</sup> In case of a vacancy in the office of Clerk of a Circuit Court, the Judges of said court shall have power to fill such vacancy until the general election for Delegates to the General Assembly, to be held next thereafter, when a successor shall be elected for the term of six years.<sup>2</sup>

SEC. 26. The said clerks shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the judges of their respective courts, as many deputies under them as the said judges shall deem necessary to perform, together with themselves, the duties of the said office, who shall be removable by the said judges for incompetency, or neglect of duty, and whose compensation shall be according to existing or future provisions of the General Assembly.

#### *Part IV—Courts of Baltimore City.*

SEC. 27. There shall be in the Eighth Judicial Circuit six courts, to be styled the Supreme Bench of Baltimore city, the Superior Court of Baltimore city, the Court of Common Pleas, the Baltimore City Court, the Circuit Court of Baltimore City\* and the Criminal Court† of Baltimore.

SEC. 28. The Superior Court of Baltimore City, the Court of Common Pleas and the Baltimore City Court‡ shall each have concurrent jurisdiction in all civil common law cases, and concurrently all the jurisdiction which the Superior Court of Baltimore city and the Court of Common Pleas now have, except jurisdiction in equity, and except in applications for the benefit of the insolvent laws of Maryland, and in cases of appeal from judgments of Justices of the Peace in

\*\* By the Act of 1892, Chapter 388, the salary of the Chief Judges was increased to four thousand five hundred dollars, and of the Associate Judges to three thousand six hundred dollars per annum.

\*\*\* By the Act of 1922, Chapter 500, the salary of the Chief Judges was increased to eight thousand five hundred dollars and each Associate Judge to five thousand seven hundred fifty dollars.

\*\*\*\* By the Act of 1927, Chapter 235, the salary of the Chief Judges was increased to eleven thousand five hundred dollars, and each Associate Judge to eight thousand five hundred dollars.

\* Circuit Court No. 2 established by Act of 1888, Chapter 194.

† Criminal Court No. 2 established by rule of the Supreme Bench, December 21, 1897. See 87 Md. 191.

‡ The jurisdiction of the Baltimore City Court, the Superior Court and the Court of Common Pleas was enlarged by the Act of 1870, Chapter 177.

<sup>1</sup>Amended by Article XVII, Section 1.

<sup>2</sup>Cf. *Supra*.