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**SEC. 40A.** The General Assembly shall enact no law authorizing private property to be taken for public use without just compensation, to be agreed upon between the parties or awarded by a jury, being first paid or tendered to the party entitled to such compensation, but where such property is situated in Baltimore city and is desired by this State or by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the General Assembly may provide for the appointment of appraisers by a Court of Record to value such property, and that, upon payment of the amount of such valuation to the party entitled to compensation, or into Court and securing the payment of any further sum that may be awarded by a jury, such property may be taken.\*

**SEC. 41.** Any citizen of this State who shall, after the adoption of this Constitution, either in or out of this State, fight a duel with deadly weapons, or send or accept a challenge so to do, or who shall act as a second, or knowingly aid or assist in any manner those offending, shall ever thereafter be incapable of holding any office of profit or trust under this State, unless relieved from the disability by an Act of the Legislature.

**SEC. 42.** The General Assembly shall pass laws necessary for the preservation of the purity of elections.

**SEC. 43.** The property of the wife shall be protected from the debts of her husband.

**SEC. 44.** Laws shall be passed by the General Assembly to protect from execution a reasonable amount of the property of the debtor, not exceeding in value the sum of five hundred dollars.

**SEC. 45.** The General Assembly shall provide a simple and uniform system of charges in the offices of Clerks of Courts and Registers of Wills, in the counties of this State and the city of Baltimore, and for the collection thereof; provided, the amount of compensation to any of the said officers in the various counties shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars a year, and in the city of Baltimore, thirty-five hundred dollars a year, over and above office expenses and compensation to assistants; and provided, further, that such compensation of Clerks, Registers, assistants and office ex-

\* Thus added by Chapter 402, Acts of 1912, ratified by the people November 4, 1913.