

as are now or may be prescribed by law. The Clerk of the Superior Court of said city shall receive and record all deeds, conveyances and other papers, which are or may be required by law to be recorded in said city. He shall also have custody of all papers connected with the proceedings on the law or equity side of Baltimore County Court and the dockets thereof, so far as the same have relation to the city of Baltimore, and shall also discharge the duties of Clerk to the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City unless otherwise provided by law.

SEC. 39. The General Assembly shall, as often as it may think the same proper and expedient, provide by law for the election of an additional judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and whenever provision is so made by the General Assembly, there shall be elected by the voters of said city another judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, who shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold his office for the same term of years, receive the same compensation, and have the same powers as are, or shall be, provided by the Constitution or laws of this State, for the judges of said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and the General Assembly may provide by laws, or the Supreme Bench by its rules for requiring causes in any of the courts of Baltimore city to be tried before the court without a jury, unless the litigants or some one of them shall within such reasonable time or times as may be prescribed, elect to have their causes tried before a jury. And the General Assembly may reapportion, change or enlarge the jurisdiction of the several courts in said city.¹

Part V—Orphans' Court.

SEC. 40. The qualified voters of the city of Baltimore, and of the several counties, shall on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November next, and on the same day in every fourth year thereafter,² elect three men to be Judges of the Orphans' Courts of said city and counties, respectively, who shall be citizens of the State, and residents for the twelve months preceding, in the city or county, for which they may be elected. They shall have all the powers now vested in the Orphans' Courts of the State, subject to such changes as the Legislature may prescribe. Each of said judges shall be paid a per diem for the time they are

¹ Thus amended by Chapter 313, Acts of 1892, ratified by the people November 7, 1893.

² Modified by Article XVII, Section 3.