

prescribe. Such constables and clerks shall perform such duties as may now or hereafter be prescribed by law or rule of Court.

After adoption of this section no constable shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City pursuant to Section 42 or Section 43 of this Article IV, but constables in office upon the adoption of this section shall hold office for the remainder of their terms, and the constables first appointed under this section shall take office at the expiration of such terms.<sup>1</sup>

41-B. The General Assembly shall have power by law to establish a People's Court in any county, or any part thereof, incorporated city or town in this State, except Baltimore City, and to prescribe and from time to time to alter (1) the number, qualifications, tenure, and method of selection of the Judges of any such Court, and their powers, duties and compensation, except that the term of office or compensation of any Judge shall not be reduced during his continuance in office; (2) the jurisdiction of any such Court (which may be made exclusive as to any class or classes of civil cases in such county, or any part thereof, city or town) and the right of appeal therefrom; (3) the number, qualifications, tenure, method of selection, duties, and compensation of all constables, clerks or other employees for such Court; and (4) all other matters relating to such Court. After adoption of this Section the Governor shall not be required to appoint any particular number of Justices of the Peace in any county or in any of the several election districts of the counties as now provided in Section 42 of the Constitution.<sup>2</sup>

#### *Part V-B—Municipal Court*

SEC. 41C. (a). There is hereby created a Municipal Court of Baltimore City. Said Court shall consist originally of eleven Judges; the number of such Judges may thereafter be increased or decreased by the General Assembly by law, but no such decrease shall affect the term of any Judge then in office or his right to stand for election for further terms as hereinafter provided. The Judges of said Court shall have the qualifications prescribed by Section 2 of this Article, shall each have practiced law in the City of Baltimore for a total period of at least five years and shall devote their full time to the duties of said Court; they shall hold office subject to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of

<sup>1</sup> Thus amended by Chapter 575, Acts of 1959, ratified November 8, 1960.

<sup>2</sup> Added by Chapter 163, Acts of 1939, and ratified November 5, 1940.