

Unless his office shall have been abolished pursuant to this section, each Judge of said Court shall continue to hold office after the expiration of his period of appointment or term until a successor shall qualify. As used in this section, "Congressional election" means any of the biennial elections at which members of the House of Representatives are regularly chosen.

Said Court shall have such jurisdiction (which may be made exclusive as to any class or classes of civil cases in Baltimore City), with such right of appeal, therefrom, and the Chief Judge and Associate Judges thereof shall have such powers and duties, as the General Assembly shall prescribe from time to time by law. The Judges of said Court shall have full power to regulate by rules the administration, procedure and practice of said Court; such rules shall have the force of law until rescinded or modified by said Judges or the General Assembly. Unless otherwise provided by law, (1) all powers granted by this section or by law to said Court or the Judges thereof as a body may be exercised by a majority of the Judges thereof, and (2) said Court shall not be a Court of Record.

There shall be a Chief Constable of said Court, who shall perform therein the duties prescribed for Clerks of Court by Section 10 of this Article and such other duties as shall be prescribed by law or by rule of said Court. Such Chief Constable shall be appointed, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, by the Judges of said Court; and such Chief Constable shall appoint, in the manner hereinafter prescribed, all original, subsequent and additional constables and clerks employed pursuant to this section, and shall supervise and direct the work of all such constables and clerks. There shall be appointed originally fourteen such constables and sixteen such clerks; the number of either may, on the joint recommendation of said Court and said Chief Constable, be increased by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City; no vacancy in the position of any constable or clerk, however arising, shall be filled by said Chief Constable unless the Judges of said Court and said Chief Constable shall expressly find that the filling of such vacancy is necessary for the efficient operation of said Court. The positions of said Chief Constable and of all such constables and clerks shall be positions in the Classified City Service of Baltimore and the provisions of the Charter of said City with respect to said City Service are hereby expressly made applicable thereto, provided that, the Chief Constable at the time this amendment becomes effective shall continue and remain in said position and immediately