

SEC. 31.¹²³ There shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city the number of Associate Judges required by the General Assembly, who, together, shall constitute the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and shall hold their offices for the term of fifteen years, subject to the provisions of this Constitution with regard to the election and qualifications of Judges, and their removal from office, and shall exercise the jurisdiction, hereinafter specified, and shall each receive an annual salary which shall not be diminished during their term of office.

SEC. 31A.¹²⁴ Vacant.

SEC. 32.¹²⁵ It shall be the duty of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, from time to time, to provide for the holding of each of the aforesaid Courts, by the assignment of one or more of their number to each of the Courts, who may sit either separately or together in the trial of cases. The Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may, from time to time, change the assignment, as circumstances may require, and the public interest may demand; and the Judge, or Judges, so assigned to the several Courts, shall, when holding the same, have all the powers and exercise all the jurisdiction which may belong to the Court so being held; and it shall also be the duty of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, in case of the sickness, absence or disability of any Judge or Judges, assigned as aforesaid, to provide for the hearing of the cases, or transaction of the business assigned to the Judge or Judges, as aforesaid, before some one or more of the Judges of the Court.

SEC. 33.¹²⁶ The said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City shall have power, and it shall be its duty, to provide for the holding of as many general terms as the performance of its duties may require, such general terms to be held by not less than three judges; to make all needful rules and regulations for the conduct of business in each of the said Courts, during the session thereof, and in vacation, or in Chambers, before any of said Judges.

¹²³ Thus amended by Chapter 617, Acts of 1968, ratified November 5, 1968.

¹²⁴ Repealed by Chapter 617, Acts of 1968, ratified November 5, 1968.

¹²⁵ Thus amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

¹²⁶ Thus amended by Chapter 10, Acts of 1966, ratified November 8, 1966.

SEC. 34.¹²⁷ All writs and other process issued by any of the Courts of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, requiring attestation, shall be attested in the name of the Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City.

SEC. 35. Three of the Judges of said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, shall constitute a quorum of said Court.

SEC. 36.¹²⁸ Vacant.

SEC. 37.¹²⁹ There shall be a Clerk of each of the Courts of Baltimore City, except the Supreme Bench, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of the City, and shall hold office for four years from the time of his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and be eligible for reelection, subject to removal for willful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a Court of Law. The salary of each of the Clerks shall be payable as provided in Section 45 of Article 3 of this Constitution, and they shall be entitled to no other perquisites or compensation. In case of a vacancy in the office of Clerk of any of the Courts, the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, shall have power to fill the vacancy until the general election of Delegates to the General Assembly, to be held next thereafter, when a Clerk of the Court shall be elected to serve for four years thereafter; and the provisions of this Article in relation to the appointment of Deputies by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts in the Counties shall apply to the Clerks of the Courts in Baltimore City.

SEC. 38. The Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas shall have authority to issue within said City, all marriage and other licenses required by Law, subject to such provisions 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 of 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.

¹²⁷ Thus amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

¹²⁸ Repealed by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.

¹²⁹ Thus amended by Chapter 681, Acts of 1977, ratified November 7, 1978.