

knowledge, who shall be styled Attorney General of Maryland, and who, previous to and during his acting as such, shall reside in the state, and whose duty it shall be to prosecute and defend, on the part of the state, all cases now depending, or which may hereafter be brought in, or removed to, the court of appeals for the western or eastern shore, by or against the state, or wherein the state shall or may be interested, in the same manner that the attorney general heretofore was accustomed to do, or could do; and he shall have, exercise and use, all and every the powers and authorities in and relating to the same, as the attorney general heretofore had, used and exercised, or can have, use and exercise, in similar cases, and he shall give his opinion and advice whenever he shall be required by the general assembly, or either branch thereof, by the governor and council, or by the treasurer of either shore, on any matter or subject depending before them, or where the interest of the state may require.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That there shall be appointed and commissioned, for each of the several judicial districts of this state, a person of sound legal knowledge, who shall be styled District Attorney of the judicial district for which he shall be commissioned, and who shall, previous to and during his acting as such, reside in the judicial district for which he shall be commissioned.

District attorneys to be appointed

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That there shall be appointed and commissioned, for Baltimore city court, a person of sound legal knowledge, who shall be styled District Attorney of Baltimore City Court, and who shall, previous to and during his acting as such, reside in the city of Baltimore.

District attorney for Baltimore City Court

4. AND BE IT ENACTED, That each and every district attorney to be appointed and commissioned in virtue of this act, shall, within the county courts of the judicial district, or within Baltimore city court, as the case may be, for which he shall be commissioned, have, use, exercise and perform, all and every the powers, authorities and duties, which the attorney general of this state, or his deputies, heretofore had, used, exercised and performed, and shall prosecute and defend, on the part of the state, all civil actions now depending, or which may hereafter be brought by or against the state, in the county courts of the judicial district for which he shall be commissioned, in the same manner, and with the like power and authority, as the attorney general, or his deputies heretofore could do and perform, or were bound to do and perform in like cases.

Their powers

5. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the attorney general, and each and every district attorney appointed and commissioned in virtue of this act, shall, before he proceeds to act, take the oaths prescribed to be taken by the attorney general, and shall have, take and receive, the same fees as the attorney general, and his deputies, are now authorised by law to take and receive.

To take oaths

6. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the governor and council, whenever they shall consider the interest of the state requires it, may call on the attorney general to aid any district attorney in prosecuting or defending any suit or action brought by or against the state, in any county court, or Baltimore city court, and it shall and may be lawful for the governor and council to allow to the attorney general, or to any district attorney, such reasonable fee or

Attorney general to aid district attorneys when called on