

Court shall not have jurisdiction in applications for the writ of *habeas corpus* in cases of persons charged with criminal offenses.

This section referred to in discussing the courts having jurisdiction in England and in Maryland to decree divorces and to annul marriages. *Ridgley v. Ridgley*, 79 Md. 303.

A case having been prosecuted to final decree in the superior court, there the authority and jurisdiction of that court as a court of equity ceased, since by this and the preceding section equity jurisdiction was taken away from the superior court and vested in the circuit court for Baltimore city—see notes to sec. 36. *Orrick v. Boehm*, 49 Md. 98.

See notes to sec. 27.

Sec. 30. The Criminal Court of Baltimore shall have and exercise all the jurisdiction now held and exercised by the Criminal Court of Baltimore, except in such Appeal Cases as are herein assigned to the Baltimore City Court.

For a case dealing with art. 4, sec. 13, of the Constitution of 1851, but no longer applicable by reason of changes in this section, see *State v. Shillinger*, 6 Md. 451.

Sec. 31. There shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city, at the election, hereinbefore provided for, one Chief Judge and four Associate Judges, 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 of three thousand five hundred dollars,¹ payable quarterly, which shall not be diminished during their term of office, but authority is hereby given to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore to pay to each of the said Judges an annual addition of five hundred dollars to their respective salaries; provided, that the same being once granted shall not be diminished nor increased during the continuance of said Judges in office.

[Sec. 31A. In addition to the authority granted to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore by the preceding section to pay to each of the judges of the Supreme Bench the annual sum of Five Hundred Dollars, authority is hereby given to said Mayor and City Council to pay to each of said judges such further annual sum as an addition to their respective salaries as the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall from time to time deem right and proper, provided, that any such sum being once granted shall not be diminished during the continuance of said Judges in office.]²

Sec. 32. It shall be the duty of the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, as soon as the Judges thereof shall be elected and duly qualified, and 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 said Courts, who may sit either separately or together in the trial of cases; and the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may, from time to time, change the said assignment, as circumstances may require, and the public interest

¹ Increased by act of 1922, ch. 500 (Budget Bill), to \$6,875.

² This amendment was submitted by act of 1924, ch. 116, and will be voted upon by the people in November, 1926.