

in this State, for at least seven years next preceding his election.

Vacancy.

SEC. 5. In case of vacancy in the office of Attorney General, occasioned by death, resignation, or his removal from the State, or his conviction, as hereinbefore specified, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

Notices of cases to be sent to Attorney General.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals, and the Commissioner of the Land Office, respectively, whenever a case shall be brought into said Court or office, in which the State is a party, or has interest, immediately to notify the Attorney General thereof.

THE STATE'S ATTORNEYS.

The States' Attorneys elected by the people

SEC. 7. There shall be an Attorney for the State in each county and the city of Baltimore, to be styled "The State's Attorney," who shall be elected by the voters thereof, respectively, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and on the same day every fourth year thereafter, and shall hold his office for four years from the first Monday in January next ensuing his election, and until his successor shall be elected and qualified, and shall be re-eligible thereto, and be subject to removal therefrom for incompetency, willful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law.

Term four years, re-eligible

Returns to be made to the Governor

SEC. 8. All elections for the State's Attorney shall be certified to, and returns made thereof, by the Clerks of the said counties and city to the Judges thereof having criminal jurisdiction, respectively, whose duty it shall be to decide upon the elections and qualifications of the persons returned, and in case of a tie between two or more persons, to designate which of said persons shall qualify as State's Attorney, and to administer the oaths of office to the persons elected.

Fees, &c

SEC. 9. The State's Attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions as are now or may be hereafter be prescribed by law, and if any State's Attorney