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SECTION 1 There shall be an attorney-general elected by the qualified voters of the State, on general ticket, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and on the same day, in every fourth year thereafter, who shall hold his office for four years from the time of his election and qualification, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and shall be re-eligible thereto, and shall be subject to removal for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty, or misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law.

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SEC. 2. All elections for attorney-general shall be certified to, and returns made thereof, by the clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties and the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, to the governor of the State, whose duty it shall be to decide on the election and qualification of the person returned; and, in case of a tie between two or more persons, to designate which of said persons shall qualify as attorney-general, and to administer the oath of office to the person elected.

SEC. 3 It shall be the duty of the attorney-general to prosecute and defend on the part of the State, all cases which, at the time of his appointment and qualification, and which thereafter may be depending in the Court of Appeals, or in the Supreme Court of the United States, by or against the State, or wherein the State may be interested; and he shall give his opinion in writing whenever required by the General Assembly, or either branch thereof, the governor, the comptroller, the treasurer, or any State's attorney, on any legal mat-