

ter or subject depending before them, or either of them; and, when required by the governor or the General Assembly, he shall aid any State's attorney in prosecuting any suit or action brought by the State in any court of this State; and he shall commence and prosecute, or defend, any suit or action in any of said courts, on the part of the State, which the General Assembly or the governor, acting according to law, shall direct to be commenced, prosecuted, or defended; and he shall receive for his services an annual salary of three thousand dollars; but he shall not be entitled to receive any fees, perquisites, or rewards, whatever, in addition to the salary aforesaid, for the performance of any official duty; nor have power to appoint any agent, representative, or deputy, under any circumstances whatever; nor shall the governor employ any additional counsel, in any case whatever, unless authorized by the General Assembly.

Prosecute suits

Salary, \$3000.

Perquisites not allowed

Other counsel not to be employed

SEC. 4 No person shall be eligible to the office of attorney-general who is not a citizen of this State, and a qualified voter therein, and has not resided and practiced law in this State for at least ten years

Qualifications.
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SEC. 5 In case of vacancy in the office of attorney-general, occasioned by death, resignation, removal from the State or from office, or other disqualification, the said vacancy shall be filled by the governor for the residue of the term thus made vacant

Vacancy.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the Court of Appeals and of 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.

Attorney-general to be notified of State cases.

THE STATE'S ATTORNEYS.

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 November, in the year 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, wilful neglect of duty, or misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law, or by a vote of two-thirds of the Senate, on the recommendation of the attorney-general.

Election.

Term, four years.

Removal.

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 person elected.

Returns to be made to criminal judges

Case of tie

SEC. 9 The State's attorney shall perform such duties and receive such fees and commissions as are now, or may hereafter be, prescribed by law; and if any State's attorney shall receive any other fee or reward than any such as is, or may be allowed by law, he shall, on conviction thereof, be removed from office; *provided*, that the State's attorney for Baltimore city shall have power to appoint one deputy, at a salary of not more than fifteen hundred dollars per annum, to be paid by the State's attorney out of the fees of his office, as has heretofore been practiced.

Fees.

Deputy in Baltimore city.

SEC. 10 No person shall be eligible to the office of State's attorney who has not been admitted to practice law in this State, and who has not resided, for at least two years, in the county or city in which he may be elected

Qualifications.

SEC. 11. In case of vacancy in the office of State's attorney, or of his removal from the county or city in which he shall have been elected, or on his conviction, as herein specified, the said vacancy shall be filled by the judge of the

Vacancy.