

Art. 16. State's attorneys shall be elected by the freemen of their respective counties.

Art. 17. Judges of probate shall be elected by the freemen of their respective probate districts.

Art. 18. Justices of the peace shall be elected by the freemen of their respective towns; and towns having less than one thousand inhabitants may elect any number of justices of the peace not exceeding *five*; towns having one thousand and less than two thousand inhabitants, may elect *seven*; towns having two thousand, and less than three thousand inhabitants, may elect *ten*; towns having three thousand, and less than five thousand inhabitants, may elect *twelve*; and towns having five thousand, or more, inhabitants, may elect *fifteen* justices of the peace.

Art. 19. All the officers named in the preceding articles of amendment (*articles 14 to 18*) shall be annually elected by ballot, and shall hold their offices for one year, said year commencing on the first day of December next after their election.

Art. 20. The election of the several officers mentioned in the preceding articles (*articles 14 to 18*), excepting town representatives, shall be made at the times and in the manner now directed in the constitution for the choice of senators. And the presiding officer of each freemen's meeting, after the votes shall have been taken, sorted, and counted, shall, in open meeting, make a certificate of the names of each person voted for, with the number of votes given for each annexed to his name, and designating the office for which the votes were given, a record of which shall be made in the town clerk's office, and he shall seal up said certificate, and shall write thereon the name of the town and the words *Certificate of votes for* —, and add thereto, in writing, the title of the office voted for, as the case may be, and shall deliver such certificate to some representative chosen as a member of the general assembly, whose duty it shall be to cause such certificate of votes to be delivered to the committee of the general assembly appointed to canvass the same. And at the sitting of the general assembly, next after such balloting for the officers aforesaid, there shall be a committee appointed of and by the general assembly, who shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duty, and whose duty it shall be to examine such certificates and ascertain the number of votes given for each candidate, and the persons receiving the largest number of votes for the respective offices, shall be declared duly elected, and by such committee be reported to the general assembly, and the officers so elected shall be commissioned by the governor. And if two or more persons designated for any one of said offices shall have received an equal number of votes, the general assembly shall elect one of such persons to such office.

Art. 21. The term of office of the governor, lieutenant-governor, and treasurer of the state, respectively, shall commence when they shall be chosen and qualified, and shall continue for the term of one year, or until their successors shall be chosen and qualified, or to the adjournment of the session of the legislature, at which, by the constitution and laws, their successors are required to be chosen,