

COMPARISON OF CONSTITUTIONS

CONSTITUTION OF 1867

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION OF 1968

cast their votes for or against the continuation in office of said Judge.

(2) Whenever a vacancy shall occur on said Court from any cause the Governor shall appoint to said Court a Judge who shall hold office under such appointment until the thirty-first day of December immediately following the first Congressional election occurring six months or more after the date of his appointment. No Judge of said Court, who has stood for election to succeed himself, and not been elected, shall thereafter be appointed to said Court, and no Judge of said Court, who has failed to stand for election when eligible, shall be appointed to succeed himself.

(3) In order to qualify for election or re-election all candidates shall file with the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City not later than thirty days before the date of the applicable election a certificate of candidacy in a form to be supplied by the Supervisors.

Unless his office shall have been abolished pursuant to this section, each Judge of said Court shall continue to hold office after the expiration of his period of appointment or term until a successor shall qualify. As used in this section, "Congressional election" means any of the biennial elections at which members of the House of Representatives are regularly chosen.

Said Court shall have such jurisdiction (which may be made exclusive as to any class or classes of civil cases in Baltimore City), with such right of appeal, therefrom, and the Chief Judge and Associate Judges thereof shall have such powers and duties, as the General Assembly shall prescribe from time to time by Law. The Judges of said Court shall have full power to regulate by rules the administration, procedure and practice of said Court; such rules shall have the force of law until rescinded or modified by said Judges or the General Assembly. Unless otherwise provided by Law, (1) all powers granted by this section or by Law to said Court or the Judges thereof as a body may be exercised by a majority of the Judges thereof, and (2) said Court shall not be a Court of Record.

There shall be a Chief Constable of said Court, who shall perform therein the duties prescribed for Clerks of Court by Section 10 of this Article and such other duties as shall be prescribed by Law or by rule of said Court. Such Chief Constable shall be

Section 5.10. Jurisdiction.

The District Court shall have the original jurisdiction prescribed by law. Jurisdiction of the District Court shall be uniform throughout the State.

See Section 5.31, Administration of Judicial System, p. 32.

See Section 5.33, Clerks of Court, p. 56.