

thereto, and shall be subject to removal for incompetency, willful neglect of duty, or misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law.

SEC. 2. All elections for Attorney General shall be certified to, and returns made thereof by the Clerks of the Circuit Courts for 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 upon the election and qualifications 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.

Returns to be made to the Governor.

Case of tie.

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 election 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 matter 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 twenty-five hundred 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.

His Duties.

Give opinions to the Legislature, to the Governor, &c.

Prosecute suits.

Salary \$2,500.

SEC. 4. No person shall be eligible to the office of Attorney General who has not resided and practiced law

Qualifications.