

Trial by Jury.

SEC. 5. The trial by jury of all issues of fact in civil proceedings in the several courts of law in this State, where the amount in controversy exceeds the sum of five dollars, shall be inviolably preserved.

All Officers continued until successors qualify.

SEC. 6. All officers, civil and military, now holding office, whether by election or appointment under the State, shall continue to hold and exercise their offices, according to their present tenure, unless otherwise provided in this Constitution, until they shall be superseded pursuant to its provisions, and until their successors be duly qualified, and the compensation of such officers which has been increased by this Constitution, shall take effect from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five.

Increased compensation.

Time of Elections in November annually.

1852, ch. 183.
1853, ch. 134.

SEC. 7. General elections shall be held throughout the State on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November of each and every year; at the election held in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, all State officers required to be elected under this Constitution during that year shall be elected, and in like manner in every second year thereafter an election shall be held for those State officers whose terms are about to expire; at the election held in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-five, all county officers required to be elected under this Constitution in that year shall be elected, and in like manner in every second year thereafter, an election shall be held for those county officers whose terms are about to expire; *Provided*, however, the Judges of the several Courts of this State, except the Judges of the Orphans' Courts, shall be elected at the regular election, whether for State or county officers, as the case may be, immediately preceding the expiration of the term of the incumbent whose place is to be filled.

VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTION.

Sheriffs to give notice of vote on Constitution.

SEC. 8. For the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the people of this State in regard to the adoption or rejection of this Constitution the Governor shall issue his proclamation within five days after the adjournment of this Convention, directed to the Sheriff of the city of Baltimore, and to the Sheriffs of the several counties of this State, commanding them to give notice, in the manner now prescribed by law, that an election will be held in the city of Baltimore