

Part IV—Courts of Baltimore City

31.

There shall be [elected by the legal and qualified voters of] *in* said city the number of Associate Judges required by the General Assembly, who, together, shall constitute the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and shall hold their offices [for the term of fifteen years,] subject to the provisions of this Constitution with regard to the [election] *appointment, confirmation* and qualifications of Judges, and their removal from office, and shall exercise the jurisdiction, herein[after] specified, and shall each receive an annual salary which shall not be diminished during their term of office.

32. Duties of Supreme Bench of Baltimore City as to assignment of judges to courts of Baltimore City.

It shall be the duty of the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, [as soon as the Judges thereof shall be elected and duly qualified, and] from time to time, to provide for the holding of each of the aforesaid Courts, by the assignment of one, or more of their number to each of the said Courts, who may sit either, separately, or together, in the trial of cases; and the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City may from time to time, change the said assignment, as circumstances may require, and the public interest may demand; and the Judge, or Judges, so assigned to the said several Courts, shall, when holding the same, have all the powers and exercise all the jurisdiction, which may belong to the Court so being held; and it shall also be the duty of the said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, in case of the sickness, absence or disability of any Judge or Judges, assigned as aforesaid, to provide for the hearing of the cases, or transaction of the business assigned to said Judge or Judges, as aforesaid, before some one, or more of the Judges of said Court.

39. Powers of General Assembly.

The General Assembly shall, as often as it may think the same proper and expedient, provide by law for [the election of] an additional judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, and whenever provision is so made by the General Assembly, [there shall be elected by the voters of said City] *the Governor shall appoint* another Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City *pursuant to the provisions of this Article*; [who shall be subject to the same constitutional provisions, hold his office for the same term of years, receive the same compensation and have the same powers as are, or shall be provided by the Constitution, or laws of this State, for the Judges of said Supreme Bench of Baltimore City,] and the General Assembly may provide by laws, or the Supreme Bench by its rules, for requiring causes in any of the Courts of Baltimore City to be tried before the Court without a jury, unless the litigants or some one of them shall within such reasonable time or times as may be prescribed, elect to have their causes tried before a jury. And the General Assembly may reapportion, change or enlarge the jurisdiction of the several Courts in said City.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the foregoing sections and repealers hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland at the next ensuing general election to be held in this State, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for