

his election, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and be re-eligible, subject to be removed for wilful neglect of duty or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a Court of Law. In case of a vacancy in the office of Clerk of a Circuit Court, the Judges of [said] THAT Court [shall have power to] MAY fill [such] THE vacancy until the general election for Delegates to the General Assembly, to be held next thereafter, when a successor shall be elected for the term of four years.

26.

The Clerks shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Judges of their respective Courts, as many deputies under them, as the Judges [shall] deem necessary, to perform, together with themselves, the duties of the office, who shall be removable by the Judges for incompetency, or neglect of duty, and whose compensation shall be [according to existing, or future provisions of the General Assembly] DETERMINED BY LAW. In Washington County, all deputy clerks and other [clerks] EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK shall be appointed [pursuant to] and be removable according to the merit system procedure established by law for these deputies and [clerks] EMPLOYEES. All deputy clerks and other employees of the office of the Clerk of the [Criminal] CIRCUIT Court [of] FOR Baltimore City, excepting the Clerk, shall be selected [pursuant to] and be removable according to [the merit system] A procedure established by law for [these] THOSE deputies and [clerks] EMPLOYEES. [Any employee of the office of the Clerk of the Criminal Court of Baltimore who has been employed for at least six months on July 1, 1974 shall be a member of the classified service of the State.]

#### Article XVIII - Provisions of Limited Duration

1.

Any provision of limited duration adopted pursuant to Article XIV is set forth below. As each expires, it shall stand repealed, and no further action shall be required to remove it from the Constitution.

2.

(A) FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTING THE AMENDMENTS, PROPOSED BY CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE ACTS OF 1980 (H.B. 1729) (OLR3623) OR (S.B. 784) (OLR0746), CONCERNING THE CREATION OF A CONSOLIDATED CIRCUIT COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY, THIS SECTION TEMPORARILY IS A PART OF ARTICLE IV - JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT, §§ 5, 25, AND 26 OF THE CONSTITUTION. THIS SECTION SHALL EXPIRE (IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIV, § 1A OF THE CONSTITUTION) WHEN, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ALL OF THE JUDGES OF THE SUPREME BENCH OF BALTIMORE CITY WHO ARE SERVING ON DECEMBER 31, 1982 HAVE COMPLETED THEIR THEN EXISTING TERMS, OR OTHERWISE HAVE VACATED THEIR OFFICES WITHOUT COMPLETING THOSE TERMS.