

serting as the 24th, 25th and 26th sections thereof, the following:

Sec. 24. And be it enacted, That the term of office of the clerks of the county courts and registers of wills now now in office, and of such as may come into said offices before the 1st day of May, in the year 1844, shall cease and determine on the said 1st day of May, in the year 1844, and the said offices shall then become and be vacant.'

Sec. 25. And be it enacted, That in the session of the General Assembly next preceding the 1st day of May, in the year 1840, clerks of county courts, one for each county court, and registers of wills, one for each county, shall be appointed by the joint ballot of the Senate and House of Delegates, and shall be commissioned by the Governor, for and during the term of seven years, from and after the said 1st day of May, in the year 1844; and that in every seventh year after the time of making the aforesaid appointments, there be appointed in like manner, a clerk for each county court and a register of wills for each county, to be commissioned in like manner, for and during the term of seven years, from and after the expiration of the term of their predecessors respectively; the preceding clerk and registers always to continue in office until the appointment and qualification of succeeding clerks and registers respectively.

Sec. 26. And be it enacted, That, upon the death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, by any clerk of a county court, or register of wills, during his term of office, and during the session of the General Assembly, the General Assembly shall immediately appoint, and the Governor commission, a fit and proper person to such vacant office, in the manner aforesaid, for and during the residue of the said term; and if such death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of the county, of any clerk of a county court, or register of wills, shall happen during the recess of the General Assembly, the Governor, with the advice of the Council, may appoint and commission a fit and proper person to such vacant office, to hold the same until the meeting of the General Assembly, who, immediately upon such meeting, shall appoint, and the Governor commission, a fit and proper person to such vacant office next above mentioned, for and during the residue of the said term of seven years.

Determined in the negative.