

be entitled to receive the emoluments and fees, appertaining to the said offices respectively. They shall be commissioned by the Governor, and shall hold their offices for the term of six years; and until their successors shall have been elected and qualified; the time, place and manner of holding said election, and making returns thereof, and the mode of determining contested elections for said officers shall be prescribed by law, and in case of the death, resignation or disqualification of any Clerk or Register, a new election shall be held as aforesaid, at the next general election for delegates to the General Assembly; and in the mean time the judge or judges of the district in which said vacancy may occur, shall immediately appoint a person having the qualifications aforesaid to fill said vacancy; and the person so appointed shall be Register of Wills, or Clerk as the case may be, for the county or city for which he may be appointed; and shall hold said office, discharge the duties, and be entitled to the fees and emoluments thereof, according to law, until the election and qualification of his successor; and the Clerk for the district court for Baltimore city shall in addition to his other duties in like manner perform the duties and be entitled to the fees of the clerk of Baltimore city court; and the General Assembly shall have full power to enlarge, alter or change the powers and duties of the said Clerks and Registers, prescribe the mode of qualifying, and fix, determine or alter their fees or compensation.

Sec. 14. Justices of the Peace of this State for the several counties and the city of Baltimore, shall be elected by the qualified voters of the county or city for which the election may be held, and shall hold their offices for the term of two years, and until their successors shall have been elected, and shall have qualified; and the General Assembly shall, by law, prescribe the number of Justices of the Peace for each county and city; their duties and emoluments; the time, place, and manner of holding elections, the mode of making returns thereof, rules for determining contested elections; for certifying the election and qualifications of the persons elected; and for filling vacancies which may occur; but no person shall be a Justice of the Peace for any county or city, who shall not be entitled to vote therein at the time of his election

Sec. 15. Constables, Coroners and Elizors shall be appointed as now prescribed by law, or in such manner as the General Assembly may direct.

Sec. 16. Sheriffs shall be elected in each county, and in the city of Baltimore every fourth year, that is to say, two persons for the office of Sheriff for each county, and two for the said city, the one of whom having the highest number of votes of the qualified voters of said county or city, or if both have an equal number, either of them, at the discretion of the Governor, to be commissioned by the Governor for the said office, and having served for four years, such person shall be ineligible for the five years next succeeding; bond with security, to be taken every year as usual, and no sheriff shall be qualified to act before the same be given. In case of death, refusal, disqualification or removal out of the

county before the expiration of the four years; the other person chosen as aforesaid shall be commissioned by the Governor to execute the said office for the residue of the said four years, the said person giving bond with security as aforesaid. No person shall be eligible to the office of sheriff but a resident of such county or city respectively, and who shall have been a citizen, of this State at least five years preceding his election, and above the age of twenty-one years. The two candidates, properly qualified, having the highest number of legal ballots, shall be declared duly elected for the office of sheriff for such county or city, and return to the Governor with a certificate of the number of ballots for each of them.

Sec. 17. The General Assembly shall have power to tax clerks of the District Courts, Registers of Wills and the clerk of the court of Appeals; but all such taxes shall be in equal proportion, as far as practicable, according to the actual value of said office respectively.

Sec. 18. The Judges of the several county courts, Baltimore city court and the Orphan's Court of the several counties, Justices of the Peace, Registers of Wills and clerks of county courts of the several counties and Baltimore city court who may be in office at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall remain in office, and continue to discharge the duties of their respective offices, until the appointment or election and qualification of the Judges, Justices of the Peace, Registers of Wills and Clerks, provided for by this Constitution and no longer; and the first election of Clerks, Registers, Justices of the Peace and Sheriffs, and all other officers, whose election by the people is provided for in this article of the Constitution, shall take place throughout this State on _____ of _____ in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

Sec. 19. To facilitate the dispatch of business in the Orphans' courts of this State, the General Assembly shall by law prescribe rules of practice in the said courts; enlarge and define the powers and duties of registers of wills, and authorise them to pass such orders as may be necessary and proper, to bring any cause, suit or business depending in the said courts to a final hearing, and determination; but no order, act or proceeding of the registers of wills of a judicial nature, shall be final and conclusive until ratified, and confirmed by the court.

ESTIMARES:

1st. Of the cost of the Judiciary system, here by proposed;

Four Judges of the Court of Appeals		
at \$2,200 each,	- - - -	\$8,800 00
Eleven District Judges at \$2,500		
each,	- - - -	27,500 00
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Whole cost per annum, when in full operation, - - - - \$35,300 00

2nd. Of the cost of the present Judiciary of this State, including the supposed cost of two hundred and sixty-nine Justices of Magistrates' courts, which are reported to be now