

Sec. 2. It shall be the duty of the Attorney General to prosecute and defend on the part of the State, all cases which at the time of his appointment and qualification, and which thereafter may be depending in the Court of Appeals or in the Supreme Court of the United States, by or against the State, or wherein the State may be interested, and he shall give his opinion in writing, whenever required by the General Assembly or either branch thereof, the Governor, the Comptroller, the Treasurer or any State's Attorney on any legal matter or subject depending before them, or either of them, and when required by the Governor or the General Assembly; he shall aid any State's Attorney in prosecuting any suit or action brought by the State in any Court of this State, and he shall commence and prosecute or defend any suit or action in any of said Courts on the part of the State which the General Assembly or the Governor acting according to law shall direct to be commenced, prosecuted or defended, and he shall receive for his services an annual salary of three thousand dollars, but he shall not be entitled to receive any fees, perquisites or rewards whatever in addition to the salary aforesaid for the performance of any official duty, nor have power to appoint any agent, representative or deputy, under any circumstances whatever.

Sec. 3. No person shall be eligible to the office of Attorney General who has not resided and practiced law in this State for at least ten years next preceding his appointment.

Sec. 4. In case of vacancy in the office of Attorney General occasioned by death, resignation or his removal from the State, or his conviction, as hereinbefore specified, the said vacancy shall be filled by the Governor for the residue of the term thus made vacant.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals and the Commissioner of the Land Office, respectively, whenever a case shall be brought into said Court or Office in which the State is a party, or has interest, immediately to notify the Attorney General thereof.

THE STATE'S ATTORNEYS.

Sec. 6. There shall be an Attorney for the State in each county and the city of Baltimore, to be styled "The State's Attorney," who shall be elected by the voters thereof, respectively, on the _____ day of _____ and on the same day every fourth year thereafter, and shall hold his office for four years from the first Monday in January next ensuing his election; and until his successor shall be elected and qualified, and shall be re-eligible thereto, and be subject to removal therefrom for incompetency, willful neglect of duty or misdemeanor in office on conviction in a Court