

thirty years at the time of his election, and a resident of the judicial district, shall be elected from each of said districts by the legal and qualified voters therein, as a judge of the said court of appeals, who shall hold his office for the term of ten years from the time of his election, or until he shall have attained the age of seventy years, which ever may first happen, and be re-eligible thereto until he shall have attained the age of seventy years; and not after, subject to removal for incompetency, wilful neglect of duty or misbehaviour in office, on conviction in a court of law, or by the governor upon the address of the general assembly, two-thirds of the members of each house concurring in such address; and the salary of each of the judges of the court of appeals shall be two thousand five hundred dollars annually, and shall not be increased or diminished during their continuance in office; and no fees or perquisites of any kind, shall be allowed by law to any of the said judges.

§ 5. No judge of the court of appeals shall sit in any case wherein he may be interested, or where either of the parties may be connected with him by affinity or consanguinity within such degrees as may be prescribed by law, or when he shall have been of counsel in said case; when the court of appeals, or any of its members shall be thus disqualified to hear and determine any case or cases in said court, so that by reason thereof no judgment can be rendered in said court, the same shall be certified to the governor of the state, who shall immediately commission the requisite number of persons learned in the law for the trial and determination of said case or cases.

§ 6. All judges of the court of appeals, of the circuit courts, and of the courts for the city of Baltimore, shall, by virtue of their offices, be conservators of the peace throughout the state.

§ 7. All public commissions and grants shall run thus: "The state of Maryland," &c., and shall be signed by the governor, with the seal of the state annexed; all writs and process shall run in the same style, and be tested, sealed, and signed as usual; and all indictments shall conclude "against the peace, government, and dignity of the state."

§ 8. The state shall be divided into eight judicial circuits, in manner and form following, to wit: St. Mary's, Charles, and Prince George's counties shall be the first; Anne Arundel, Howard, Calvert, and Montgomery counties shall be the second; Frederick and Carroll counties shall be the third; Washington and Allegany counties shall be the fourth; Baltimore city shall be the fifth; Baltimore, Harford, and Cecil counties shall be the sixth; Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, and Caroline counties shall be the seventh; and Dorchester, Somerset, and Worcester counties shall be the eighth; and there shall be elected as hereinafter directed for each of the said judicial circuits, except the fifth, one person from among those learned in the law, having been admitted to practise in this state, and who shall have been a citizen of this state at least five years, and above the age of thirty years at the time of his election, and a resident of the judicial circuit, to be judge thereof; the said judges shall be styled circuit judges, and shall respectively hold a term of their courts at least twice in each year, or oftener if required by law, in each