

The question then recurred upon the amendment as offered by Mr. Causin.

Mr. Bowie, offered as a substitute for said bill and amendment the following;

Be it enacted, That from and after the confirmation of this act the clerks of the several county courts in this State, the clerk of Baltimore city court, the registers in chancery, and the clerks of the courts of appeals for the Western and Eastern Shores, shall be appointed by the judges of the said court of appeals, and the judges of the said county courts, and the chancellor, respectively, and the persons so appointed shall continue in office for and during the term of seven years from the date of their respective appointments; provided however, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to render ineligible to said offices, the persons so appointed at the expiration of their respective terms; and provided further, that the said chancellor and judges of the several courts hereinbefore mentioned, respectively, shall have power at any time to dismiss from said offices the clerks and register so appointed by them, whenever in their judgment the public interest may require it.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the registers of wills throughout the State shall hereafter be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and the persons so appointed shall continue in office for and during the said period of seven years from the date of their respective appointments; provided, that nothing in this act contained shall be construed to render ineligible to said offices the persons so appointed after the expiration of their respective terms.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the persons who shall respectively be in office at the time of the confirmation of this act as clerks of the several county courts, as clerks of the court of appeals, as clerk of Baltimore city court, and as registers of wills, shall not be subject in any respect to the operation of this act until from and after the period of seven years from the time this act shall be confirmed.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That if this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the Constitution and Form of Government directs, that in such case this act and the alterations therein contained shall be considered as a part of the said Constitution and Form of Government to all intents and purposes, any thing therein to the contrary notwithstanding.

Which was read;

Mr. Causin, (by leave of the house) withdrew his amendment;

The question then recurred upon the substitute as offered by Mr. Bowie.

Mr. Kerr, moved to amend said substitute by striking out in the 3d section these words "until from and after the period of seven years from the time this act shall be confirmed,"