

they may be respectively elected, next before the time of their election, and shall reside therein while they continue to act as judges, they shall be taken from among those who having the other qualifications herein prescribed, are most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound legal knowledge; and shall be elected by the qualified voters of the said circuits, and shall hold their offices for the term of _____ years, removable for misbehavior on conviction in a court of law, or by the governor upon the address of the general assembly, provided that two-thirds of the members of each house shall concur in such address, and the said judges (except the fifth judicial circuit) shall each receive a salary of three thousand dollars per year, and the same shall not be increased or diminished during the time of their continuance in office, and no judge of any court in this State shall receive any perquisite, fee, commission, or reward in addition thereto, for the performance of any judicial duty."

Strike out the 21st section, and insert the following:

"Sec. 21. The present judge of the first judicial circuit, and the present judge of the second judicial circuit, and the present judge of the third judicial circuit, and the present judge of the fourth judicial circuit, and the present judge of the fifth judicial circuit, and the present judge of the ninth judicial circuit shall continue to act as judge of the several courts of their respective circuits, until the expiration of the time for which they have been severally elected, and until their successor is elected and qualified. The present judge of the sixth judicial circuit shall be the judge of the seventh judicial circuit, and the present judge of the seventh judicial circuit shall be the judge of the eighth judicial circuit until the expiration of the time for which they have been respectively elected, and until their successors are respectively elected and qualified, and in case of the death, resignation, removal or other disqualification of any of the judges hereby continued in office, the governor by and with the advice and consent of the senate shall thereupon appoint a person duly qualified to fill said office, until the next general election for delegates thereafter, at which time an election shall be held as hereinbefore prescribed for a judge, who shall hold said office for _____ years, according to the provisions of this constitution; there shall also be elected by the legal and qualified voters of the sixth judicial circuit on the _____ of _____, 1864, one person to be judge of said circuit, who shall possess the same qualifications, exercise the same powers, receive the same salary, and serve for the same term as prescribed for the judges of the several circuits."

Strike out the 24th section and insert the following:

"Sec. 24. The qualified voters of the city of Baltimore, and of the several counties of the State, shall on Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, 1867, and on the same day in the same month in every fourth year thereafter elect three men to be judges of the orphans' court of said city and counties respectively, one of whom shall have been admitted to practice law in this State for at least five years before his election, and who shall be the chief justice of the orphans' court, and who shall be citizens of the State of Maryland and citizens of the city or county for which they may be severally elected, at the time of their election, and each of said judges shall be paid an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, except the chief justice, who shall receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars, and which shall be paid by the said counties and city respectively."

Strike out the 27th section, and insert the following:

"Sec. 27. There shall be in the fifth judicial district, four courts to be styled the superior court of Baltimore city, the equity court of Baltimore city, the court of common pleas of Baltimore city, and the criminal court of Baltimore city; each court to consist of one judge, who shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of said city, and shall hold his office for the term of ten years, subject to the provisions of this constitution with regard to the election and qualification of judges and their removal from office, and the salary of each of said judges shall be three thousand five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly."

Strike out the 28th section and insert:

"Sec. 28. The superior court of Baltimore city, shall have jurisdiction over all suits where the debt or damage claimed shall exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, and in case any plaintiff or plaintiffs shall recover less than the sum or value of five hundred dollars, he or they shall be allowed or adjudged to pay costs in the discretion of the court. The said court shall also have jurisdiction in all other civil cases, which are not assigned to the court of common pleas and the equity court of Baltimore city."

Strike out section 29, and insert the following:

"Sec. 29. The court of common pleas shall have civil jurisdiction in all suits where the debt or damage claimed shall be over one hundred dollars, and shall not exceed five hundred dollars, and shall also have original jurisdiction in actions of replevin—where the thing replevied does not exceed five hundred dollars in value, and shall also have jurisdiction in all cases of appeal in civil cases from the judgment of justices of the peace in the said city, and shall have jurisdiction in all applications for the benefit of the insolvent