

equity business of said court to one of said judges for such period or periods, during such term, as may appear necessary ; and that it shall be the duty of such judge to sit during such times as in that behalf shall be assigned for the hearing of equity cases, and generally for the despatch of all equity business, and also for the hearing of appeals from judgments of justices of the peace.

Allowance to trustees of insolvent debtors.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That instead of eight per centum reserved to trustees of insolvent debtors, under the provisions of the tenth section of the act of eighteen hundred and five, chapter one hundred and ten, the amount of commission to be allowed to trustees of insolvent debtors, in the city of Baltimore, who shall hereafter apply for the benefit of the insolvent laws shall not exceed six per centum, and for the purpose of providing the amount of compensation intended to be secured by an act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, chapter one hundred and twenty-seven, there shall be paid by such trustees, the sum of two per centum on all sums on which they receive their commission, to the clerk of Baltimore county court, who shall account for and pay over the same, in the same manner, and under like liability of his bond, as prescribed in reference to the fees mentioned in the fifth section of the act of assembly passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty, chapter one hundred and fifty-nine ; *Provided however*, that in any case the said court may allow any compensation beyond the said six per centum, to such trustees for any extraordinary trouble of such trustee in the execution of the trust, so however that the entire deduction including the six per centum and two per centum deductions aforesaid, shall not exceed ten per centum on the sums aforesaid.

Two per cent. to clerk of Baltimore city and county. To be applied.

Discretionary power.

Limit.

Report required of trustees.

Auditor.

Compensation.

Authority granted.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That Baltimore county court shall be and is hereby authorized, ex-officio, to cause trustees of such insolvent debtors of the city of Baltimore to make report of the funds and effects belonging to their trust, annually, or oftener if requisite, in the opinion of the court, and to cause distribution to be made among the creditors whensoever and as speedily as justice may require the same, and may pass all needful and proper rules for the accomplishment of that object, and for the speedy settlement of such trusts, and may appoint, if they see proper, a fit person to audit and state the accounts and claims of creditors, and may out of the effects returned by said trustees allow for such service a reasonable compensation, not exceeding the allowance made to the auditor of the court of chancery, and said court may pass such orders in the several cases as it may deem proper for the bringing of the moneys or securities of such trust funds into court, and may enforce such orders by attachment or any writ of execution.