

Oaths to be taken, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That every sheriff and coroner hereafter commissioned within this state shall, before he be allowed to proceed on the execution of his office, besides the usual oaths or affirmations as required by the constitution and laws of this state, take the oath, or affirmation, (as the case may be,) above prescribed, before some judge or justice of the court of the county for which such person may be commissioned, and return a certificate of such oath, or affirmation, to the clerk of the court of the county for which such person may be commissioned, there to be recorded as aforesaid.

Who shall not be summoned.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the different sheriffs or coroners of this state, shall not, after the end of this general assembly, summon as a juror in any case, or return upon a panel as a juror, any person who may not have arrived to the age of twenty-five years, and who doth not possess the other qualifications required by the constitution and laws of this state.

No justice exempt, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That after the end of this session of assembly, no justice of the peace shall be exempt or privileged from being summoned and returned upon the panel of jurors to the county court, or general court of this state, any former law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Deputies not to summon.

SEC. 7. *And be it enacted*, That after the passage of this act, the sheriffs of the several counties of this state shall not permit their deputies, or any of them, to summon any juror or jurors whom they have not directed them to summon.

A panel to be returned, &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the sheriffs of the several counties of this state shall return to their respective county courts a panel of forty-eight jurors, qualified as aforesaid, out of which the said respective courts shall direct the clerk to draw, by ballot, twenty-three persons, who shall be empannelled and sworn to serve as grand jurors during the term to which they shall be summoned; and the persons remaining upon the said original panel shall attend the court, and serve as petit jurors.

Twenty persons to be drawn, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That in all civil cases called for trial in the general and county courts, in which a jury shall be necessary, according to the laws and constitution of this state, twenty persons from the panel of petit jurors shall be drawn, by ballot, by the clerks, under the direction of the said respective courts, and the names of the twenty persons shall be written upon two lists, and one of the said lists shall be forthwith delivered to the respective parties, or their counsel in the cause, and it shall and may be lawful for each of the said parties, or their counsel, to strike out four persons from the said lists, and the remaining twelve persons shall thereupon be immediately empannelled, and sworn as the petit jury in such cause; and if