

## Article IV - Judiciary Department

26.

The [said] Clerks shall appoint, subject to the confirmation of the Judges of their respective Courts, as many deputies under them, as the [said] Judges shall deem necessary, to perform, together with themselves, the duties of the [said] office, who shall be removable by the [said] Judges for incompetency, or neglect of duty, and whose compensation shall be according to existing, or future provisions of the General Assembly. In Washington County, all deputy clerks and other clerks shall be appointed pursuant to and be removable according to the merit system procedure established by law for these deputies and clerks. ALL DEPUTY CLERKS AND OTHER EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY, EXCEPTING THE CLERK, SHALL BE SELECTED PURSUANT TO AND BE REMOVABLE ACCORDING TO THE MERIT SYSTEM PROCEDURE ESTABLISHED BY LAW FOR THESE DEPUTIES AND CLERKS. ANY EMPLOYEE OF THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CRIMINAL COURT OF BALTIMORE WHO HAS BEEN EMPLOYED FOR AT LEAST SIX MONTHS ON JULY 1, 1974 SHALL BE A MEMBER OF THE CLASSIFIED SERVICE OF THE STATE [[WITHOUT FURTHER EXAMINATION OR QUALIFICATION]].

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the foregoing section hereby proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of Maryland, at the next general election to be held in this State in November, 1974, shall be submitted to the legal and qualified voters thereof for their adoption or rejection in pursuance of directions contained in Article XIV of the Constitution of this State. At that general election, the vote on this proposed amendment to the Constitution shall be by ballot, and upon each ballot there shall be printed the words "For the Constitutional Amendments" and "Against the Constitutional Amendments", as now provided by law. Immediately after the election, all returns shall be made to the Governor of the vote for and against the proposed amendment, as directed by Article XIV of the Constitution, and further proceedings had in accordance with Article XIV.

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