

discretion, whenever the business of their several counties renders such terms necessary.

Present Judges
continued in office.

SEC. 27. The present Judges of the Circuit Courts shall continue to act as Judges of the respective Circuit Courts within the Judicial Circuits in which they respectively reside, until the expiration of the term for which they were respectively elected, and until their successors are elected and qualified, viz: the present Judges of the First, Second, Third, Fourth, Sixth and Eighth Judicial Circuits, as organized at the time of the adoption of this Constitution, shall continue to act as Judges respectively of the First, Second, Fourth, Fifth, Ninth and Twelfth Judicial Circuits, as organized under this Constitution; and an election for Judges of the Third, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Tenth and Eleventh Judicial Circuits shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in the month of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Now Judges to be
elected.

Salary, \$2,500.

SEC. 28. The salary of each Judge of the Circuit Court shall be twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, payable quarterly, and shall not be increased or diminished during his continuance in office.

Clerks.

1853, ch. 134.
11 Md. 296.

SEC. 29. There shall be a Clerk of the Circuit Court for each county, who shall be elected by a plurality of the qualified voters of said county; he shall hold his office for the term of six years from the time of his election, and until a new election is held and his successor duly qualified; he shall be re-eligible at the end of his term, and shall at any time be subject to removal for willful neglect of duty, or other misdemeanor in office, on conviction in a court of law. In the event of any vacancy in the office of the Clerk of any of the Circuit Courts, said vacancy shall be filled by the Judge of said Circuit in which said vacancy occurs, until the next general election for county officers, when a Clerk of said Circuit Court shall be elected to serve for six years thereafter.

Term six years,

Re-eligible,
9 Md. 242.
1852, ch. 173 & 308.
1853, ch. 134, 409,
444.
1858, ch. 363.

Vacancy.

1 Md. 374.
11 Md. 101.

Decisions within
two months.

SEC. 30. The judges of the respective Circuit Courts of this State, and of the Courts of Baltimore city, shall render their decisions in all cases argued before them, or sub-