

2.²¹¹ (a) For the purpose of implementing the amendments, proposed by Chapter 523 of the Acts of 1980 (H.B. 1729) (OLR3623) or (S.B. 784) (OLR0746), concerning the creation of a consolidated Circuit Court of Baltimore City, this section temporarily is a part of Article IV—Judiciary Department, secs. 5, 25, and 26 of the Constitution. This section shall expire (in accordance with Article XIV, sec. 1A of the Constitution), when, under the provisions of subsection (b) of this section, all of the judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City who are serving on December 31, 1982 have completed their then existing terms, or otherwise have vacated their offices without completing those terms.

(b) Each judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, who is in office on December 31, 1982, shall continue in office as a judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, for the remainder of the term to which he was appointed or elected, subject to the provisions of Article IV, sections 3, 4, 4A, 4B, and 5 of the Constitution.

(c) Each clerk and each deputy clerk of a court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City who is in office on December 31, 1982 shall become a deputy clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City with no diminution of salary and as such shall occupy a position in the per-

sonnel merit system for the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. These persons shall serve subject to the provisions of Article IV, section 26 of the Constitution. Each person who otherwise has been employed in the office of a clerk of a court of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City in a position authorized prior to June 30, 1982, shall become an employee of the office of the clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City and occupy a position in the personnel merit system for that office, with no diminution in salary, subject to the provisions of Article IV, section 26 of the Constitution.

(d) At the primary and general elections occurring in 1982 in Baltimore City, there shall be nominated and elected one clerk who shall be designated as clerk of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City as created under the amendments proposed in section 2 of said Chapter 523, Acts of 1980. A clerk of one of the courts of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City is eligible to run in this election.

(e) The amendments to Article IV and this Article XVIII of the Constitution (proposed by the above referenced Chapter 523 of the Acts of 1980), if approved by the voters at the general election in November, 1980, shall take effect on January 1, 1983.

²¹¹ Added by Chapter 523, Acts of 1980, ratified November 4, 1980.