

# Article V

## Judicial Department

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Section 1. The distinctions between actions at law and suits in equity, and the forms of all such actions, and suits, are hereby prohibited; and there shall be in this State but one form of action for the enforcement or protection of private rights, or the redress of private wrongs; which shall be denominated a civil action; and every action prosecuted by the people of the State as a party, against a person charged with a public offence, for the punishment of the same, shall be termed a criminal action.

Feigned issues are prohibited, and the fact at issue shall be tried by order of Court before a jury.

Section 2. The Judicial power of the State shall be vested in a Court for the trial of impeachments, a Supreme Court, District Courts, Probate Courts, Courts of Justices of the Peace, and such other courts, inferior to