

votes cast shall be for the adoption of the Constitution, it shall go into effect on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

#### SOLDIERS' VOTE

Section 1. Any of the qualified voters of this State, who shall be absent from the county or city of his residence by reason of being in the military service of the United States so as not to be able to vote at home, on the adoption or rejection of this Constitution, or for all State officers elected on general ticket, and for Presidential electors, and for members of Congress, at the election to be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall be entitled to vote at such elections as follows: A poll shall be opened in each Company of every Maryland Regiment in the service of the United States, or of this State, on the day appointed by this Convention, for taking the vote on the new Constitution, or on some day not more than five days thereafter, at the quarters of the commanding officer thereof, and voters of this State belonging to such Company who shall be within ten miles of such quarters on the day of election, may vote at such poll; the polls shall be opened at eight o'clock, A. M., and close at six o'clock P. M.; the commissioned officers of such Company or such of them as are present at the opening of the polls, shall act as Judges, and any one officer, shall be competent so to act, and if no officer be present, then the voters in such company present, shall elect two of the voters present to act as Judges of the election; before any votes are received, each of the Judges shall take an oath or affirmation, that he will perform the duties of Judge according to law, will prevent fraud and observe and make proper return thereof, and such oath the Judges may administer to each other; the election shall be by ballot, and any voter may vote in writing either "for the new Constitution or against the new Constitution."

Sec. 2. The Judges may swear any one offering to vote, or to his being a legal voter of this State. The Judges shall take down on a poll book or list the names of all the voters as their votes are taken, and the tickets shall be placed in a box as taken; after the polls are closed, the tickets shall be counted and strung on a thread, and the Judges shall make out a certificate, which they shall sign, addressed to the Governor, in which they shall state that they have taken the oath hereby prescribed, and shall certify the number of votes taken, and the number of votes for and against the Constitution, the said certificates shall be accompanied with the