

the limits of Said City, in the same manner as sheriffs are now elected for the Counties of the State.

1844

**Proposed by Act of 1843, chapter 339.
Ratified 1844.**

No money shall be drawn from the Treasury of this State, but in consequence of appropriations made by law.

1846

**Proposed by Act of 1845, chapter 269.
Ratified 1846.**

Sec. 1. The first election for Delegates held in pursuance of this act, shall take place on the first Wednesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty seven, and on that day forever thereafter, elections for delegates shall be held once in two years.

Sec. 2. The Delegates elected on the first Wednesday in October, eighteen hundred and forty seven, and at all succeeding elections forever thereafter, shall be chosen for two years.

Sec. 3. The General Assembly shall meet on the last Monday in December, eighteen hundred and forty seven, and on the same day in every second year forever thereafter, and at no other time unless convened by proclamation of the Governor, who shall have full power to convene the same whenever he may deem it expedient and proper.

Sec. 4. From and after the first election of Delegates held in pursuance of this Act, the officers to be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate, as now provided, shall be biennial instead of annual.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer of Maryland, to transmit a written statement of the condition of the finances of the State, to the Governor,

on the first Monday of January, eighteen hundred and forty eight, and on the same day in every year thereafter in which the Legislature does not convene.

1847

**Proposed by Act of 1846, chapter 342.
Ratified 1847.**

Sec. 1. The returns of the election for Governor, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty, and forever thereafter, shall be made in like manner as in election of President and vice President, save that the form of the certificate shall be varied, to suit the case, and save also, that the returns, instead of being made to the Governor, shall be made to the Chancellor of the State, and addressed to the Chancellor of Maryland, under cover by the several Judges of elections, in the different counties of this State, Howard District and the City of Baltimore.

Sec. 2. Of the persons voted for as Governor at any such election, the person having in the judgment of the Chancellor the highest number of legal votes, and possessing the legal qualifications, and resident in the District from which the Governor at such election is to be taken, shall be declared, by proclamation of the Chancellor, within ten days, after such election returns have been received, duly elected Governor of Maryland, and shall qualify as such in the manner prescribed by the Constitution and Laws of this State, on the first Monday of January next ensuing his election, or as soon thereafter as may be.

Sec. 3. Excepting the cases hereinafter provided, the Chancellor shall decide all questions in relation to the number, and legality of the votes, given for each and every person voted for as governor, and in relation to the returns, and in relation to the qualification of persons, voted for as Governor.