

Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, in the name and on the behalf of the said people, assent to and ratify the said constitution: In order therefore to carry the said constitution into effect,

C H A P.
XVI.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purpose of choosing the president and vice-president of the United States, and representatives in the congress of the United States, this state be divided into six districts, which shall be numbered from one to six; that Saint-Mary's, Charles, and Calvert counties, compose the first district; Kent, Talbot, Cæcil and Queen-Anne's, the second; Anne-Arundel, including the city of Annapolis, and Prince-George's, the third; Baltimore, including the town of Baltimore, and Harford, the fourth; Somerset, Dorchester, Worcester and Caroline, the fifth; and Frederick, Washington, Montgomery and Allegany, the sixth district.

State divided
into districts,
&c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the election of representatives for the state to serve in the congress of the United States, shall be made by the citizens of this state qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, on the first Monday of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and on the same day in every second year for ever thereafter, at the places in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, and in the several counties of this state, prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state for the election of delegates to the house of delegates; of which elections notice shall be given by the sheriffs of the respective counties, and the judges of the election for the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, in like manner as for the election of delegates to the house of delegates; and all and every officer and person, whose duty it is or may be to attend, conduct and regulate, according to the constitution of this state, the general election to be held on the first Monday of October yearly, for delegates to the general assembly, are hereby authorized, enjoined and required, to attend, conduct and regulate, the elections herein directed to be held for the purposes aforesaid, in like manner, and within the same space of time, as is, by the constitution of this state, directed for holding the said general election of delegates; and the several powers and authorities to them given by the said constitution, relating to the election of delegates to the general assembly, are hereby vested in the said officers respectively, for the purpose of holding and conducting the said elections to be held in pursuance of the constitution of the United States and this act.

Election to be
made on first
Monday in
October, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That the election of electors, for the purpose of choosing the president and vice-president of the United States, shall be made by the citizens of this state, qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, in every fourth year for ever after the expiration of the term for which the president and vice-president hath been chosen, on such day as the congress of the United States shall hereafter, from time to time, determine and appoint, at the places above described for choosing delegates.

By whom
electors are to
be chosen, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That every judge of an election to be held in pursuance of this act, before he proceeds to take or receive any vote, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will permit all persons to vote who shall offer to poll at the election now to be held in _____ county, the city of Annapolis or Baltimore-town, who in my judgment shall, according to the directions contained in the constitution of the United States of America, ratified in convention of the delegates of Maryland on the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, be entitled to poll at the same election; and that I will attend at the polls during the said election, unless in case of sickness, and that I will not admit any person to poll at the same election, if such person shall not, in my judgment, be qualified to vote as aforesaid, and that I will in all things execute the office of judge of the said election according to the best of my knowledge, without favour or partiality. So help me God."

Oath of judge.

VI. *And be it enacted,* That every clerk, before he enter any vote on the polls, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm,

Oath of clerk.