

used in the state of Maryland, of electing in separate districts of the state, one or at most two electors from each district; results in all cases of contest, in giving a divided vote to the candidates for the highest office in the government, and the majority of the citizens of Maryland are thereby deprived of their just weight in the choice of the Chief Magistrate, as compared with the majority of the citizens of most of the other states;—Therefore,

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on the first Monday of November, preceding the time fixed by law of the United States for the choice of President and Vice President of the United States, there shall be elected by general ticket, as many electors of President and Vice President as this state shall be entitled to appoint, and each citizen of this state entitled to vote for delegates to the general assembly, shall have a right to vote for the whole number of electors, and the several persons to the number required to be chosen, having the highest number of votes, shall be declared and deemed duly appointed electors; but for as much as some of the persons voted for as electors may have an equal number of votes, so as to defeat a choice between them—*Be it enacted,* That in such case, the governor and council shall determine by lot, which of the persons having such equal number of votes, shall be electors, so as to complete the whole number to which the state shall be entitled.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That in all other respects than is hereinbefore provided for, the said election shall be conducted, the returns thereof made in the same manner as is provided for in the act to which this is a supplement.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That upon the meeting of the persons returned elected electors of President and Vice President, as provided for by this act, or as many of the said persons as may attend on the day appointed by the constitution and laws of the United States, before proceeding to perform the trust reposed in them, the place or places of any absent member or members may be supplied by the members present, who shall have power to appoint the same, and the said person or persons when appointed and qualified, shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of those proclaimed by the executive authority of the state, as duly elected electors of President and Vice President of the United States.