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copy thereof, suit or suits may be instituted against the obligors therein, or any of them, or their or any of their legal representatives, for any breach or non-compliance with the condition of the same.

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Passed December 24.

An ACT to alter the mode of electing electors to choose the president and vice-president of the United States.

State divided into districts, &c.

BE it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for the purpose of appointing electors hereafter on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, this state shall be and is hereby divided into ten districts, which shall be numbered from number one to number ten, as follows, to wit: Saint-Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties, shall compose the first district; Prince-George's and Montgomery the second; Frederick the third; Washington and Allegany the fourth; Anne-Arundel, including the city of Annapolis, and Baltimore-town, the fifth; Baltimore county, (excluding the town,) and Harford county, the sixth; Cæcil and Kent the seventh; Queen-Anne's and Talbot the eighth; Caroline and Dorchester the ninth; and Somerset and Worcester the tenth district.

Each district to elect one person, &c.

H. And be it enacted, That each of the said districts shall elect and appoint one person, being a resident of the said district, as an elector for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and that the elections 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 of this state, at such places in the several counties in this state, and in the town of Baltimore and city of Annapolis, as are appointed for holding the election for delegates in the legislature of this state.

When the election is to be held.

III. And be it enacted, That such election of electors aforesaid shall be made on the second Wednesday in November next, and on the second Wednesday in November in every fourth year thereafter, and at such other times as the governor and council shall direct, in case the office of president and vice-president shall become vacant.

Who are to be the judges.

IV. And be it enacted, That the persons authorized and appointed judges by the laws and constitution of this state for holding the elections for representatives in the legislature thereof, shall be the judges of the respective elections to be made in virtue of this act.

Elections to be made *visa voce*, &c.

V. And be it enacted, That the said elections shall be made *visa voce*, and that after the polls in the several counties, and the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, shall be closed, and the votes cast up by the judges, the names of the several persons voted for in the several counties, and city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, shall be written on parchment, or paper, and the number of votes for each candidate in the several counties, the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, enumerated and set down, which number shall be written in words at length, and not in figures, and the polls, and other papers relating to the elections, shall be sealed up, and deposited with the clerks of the several county courts of the county in which the said respective elections shall be so held, and on such names and numbers being so set down and written, the judges of the several elections in the city of Annapolis, Baltimore-town, and each and every county of the state, when assembled at the usual place for holding elections, shall respectively, within the space of three days after the said elections, sign and seal the papers or instruments on which the same are so written, and shall make out, sign, seal and execute, duplicate returns thereof, one whereof shall be delivered to the clerk of the county in which the said respective elections shall be so held, to be kept safely, and the other copy shall be sealed up and delivered to the sheriff of the county in which the said respective elections shall be so held, to be by him delivered, or safely transmitted, within ten days after each respective election, (under the penalty of fifty pounds current money,) to the governor and council, for