

C H A P. CLII.

ed to the office of mayor; and the said electors, before they proceed to the said election, shall swear, or affirm, as the case may be, that they will elect, without favour, partiality or prejudice, such person for mayor, as they, in their judgment and conscience, believe best qualified for the office, and having other qualifications required by this act; that the said electors shall be judges of their own elections, returns and qualifications; but no person who is a member of either branch of the city council, or holds any office of profit in the said corporation, shall be eligible as elector of the mayor; and any vacancy happening in the said electors of the mayor shall be filled up, without delay, by an election in all the said wards, to be held as aforesaid, of a person a resident in the ward where such vacancy happened; and any vacancy of the mayoralty happening, the same shall be filled up for the remainder of the term, with delay, by the electors of the mayor for the time being.

Nominations, how to be made.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all nominations of persons to fill any office in the said corporation, directed by the act to which this is a supplement to be made by the second branch of the city council, shall hereafter be made by a joint nomination of the first and second branches of the said city council.

No person to be eligible who is not assessed, &c.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That no person shall be eligible as a member of the first branch of the city council of Baltimore who is not assessed on the books of the assessor with property, in the city of Baltimore, to the amount of three hundred dollars, and no person shall be eligible as a member of the second branch of the said city council who is not assessed on the books of the assessor with property, in the city of Baltimore, to the amount of five hundred dollars; and that so much of the act to which this is a supplement, as requires that the members of the first branch of the said city council shall be assessed to the amount of one thousand dollars, and the members of the second branch to the amount of two thousand dollars, shall be and the same is hereby repealed.

Part of an act repealed, &c.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That so much of the said original act, or any supplement thereto, as is repugnant to, or inconsistent with, the herein before contained provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed; provided, that the foregoing clauses and provisions shall be assented to and adopted at the time and by the convention herein after mentioned.

Persons qualified, to assemble, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the persons qualified to vote for members of the first branch of the city council shall, on the first Monday in February next, assemble at the usual place of holding elections in their respective wards in the city of Baltimore, and elect, by ballot, sixteen persons as delegates to the convention of the city of Baltimore, two of which said persons, elected by a general ticket, as aforesaid, shall be residents in each of the said wards, but no member of the city council, or other officer of the said corporation, shall be eligible as a delegate to the said convention; and the said delegates shall, on the second Monday in February next, meet in convention, at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and assent to and adopt, or dissent from and reject, the aforesaid alterations and provisions established by this act, and shall return, in writing, under their hands and seals, a statement of their proceedings to the register's office of the city of Baltimore, and also a duplicate thereof to the clerk of the court of appeals of the western shore of Maryland, there to be kept as other public records are.

Persons appointed, to hold an election, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the persons appointed to hold elections in the several wards of the said city on the first Monday in October last, shall, and it is hereby required of them, to hold and conduct an election for the said delegates to the convention on the said first Monday in February next, in the same manner that an election for members of the first branch of the city council is had; the expenses of which election shall be defrayed by the said corporation in the same manner that the expenses of other city elections are.

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An ACT authorising the drawing of a lottery for raising a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned.

Passed 20th of January, 1808.

WHEREAS by the petition of the directors of the Annacostia bridge company it has been prayed, that a law may pass authorising a lottery to raise a sum of money to be applied in making passable the direct road from the city of Annapolis to the seat of government of the United States, by way of the Annacostia bridge, and it appearing to this general assembly that great convenience will result to a considerable portion of this state by granting the prayer of the petition; therefore,

Preamble.

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Edward I. Coale, Samuel Sterrett and Robert Jenkins Henry, or a majority of them, be and they are hereby authorised to propose a

A scheme may be proposed, &c.