

Mr. Lee moved that the said bill be laid on the table; and the question thereon being taken, was determined in the negative.

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On motion by Mr. Lee, the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole house on said bill; and after some time spent therein, the speaker resumed the chair, when Mr. Hawkins, the chairman, reported that the said committee had, according to order, taken the said bill into consideration, and adopted sundry amendments thereto, which he was directed to report, with the said bill, to the house.

The said amendments were then read, and are as follow:
Amendments adopted in committee of the whole house.

1st. Strike out after the enacting clause, viz. "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland," all that follows of the first section, and in lieu thereof insert the following: "That every free white male citizen of this state, above 21 years of age, and having resided twelve months within this state, and six months within any county of this state, or the city of Annapolis, as the case may be, next preceding the election at which he may offer to vote, shall on the first Monday of October 1830, and on every first Monday of October thereafter, have a right to vote for two delegates, and no more, from the county in which he may have so resided, or one for the city of Annapolis, if he has so resided therein; and that the two persons from each county, or the person from the city of Annapolis, who upon the final casting up of the polls shall appear to have the greatest number of legal votes, shall be declared and returned as duly elected for said county or city."

2d. Insert the following as an additional section:

"And be it enacted, That it shall not be lawful for the senatorial electors to elect more than three senators for the eastern shore, and four from the western shore at any meeting of the electoral college to be held hereafter."

3d. Strike out the preamble of the bill, which is contained in these words:

"Whereas, it having been represented to the general assembly of Maryland that the business from each county and city of Annapolis could be performed with equal advantage and promptitude by reducing the number of delegates in the popular branch of the legislature; Therefore,"

The house proceeded to consider the report of the committee of the whole house in regard to said bill; and on the second reading of said amendments,