

The main question, being then put, to wit: Will the house agree to the amendment proposed? It was determined in the negative.

And the question thereon, being taken, was decided in the negative.

Mr. Hughes moved to amend the bill, by striking out the eighth section thereof, contained in the following words:

'Sec. 8. And be it enacted, That the commissioners of the tax in the several counties of this state shall meet at the place where the county courts are usually held in their respective counties, on the first Monday of April next, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act; and shall appoint for their respective counties, three sensible and active persons to be assessors of the real and personal property in such county, which appointment, and the names of the assessors, shall be entered in the proceedings of the said commissioners in a book to be kept for that purpose, and the said commissioners shall immediately after such choice appoint a place and day not exceeding ten days thereafter, of which five days notice shall be given by some one of the commissioners, or their clerk, to each assessor, for the said assessors to appear before them, and at their appearance the said commissioners shall read, or cause to be read, to the said assessors, such parts of this act as relate to their duty, and also direct and advise them in what manner to make their assessment, and in what form to return their certificates thereof, and how to perform the several duties required of them by this act, and the said commissioners shall also appoint a place and day for the several assessors to appear and deliver in writing, the several valuations of property in their respective counties.'

And inserting in lieu thereof the following:

'And be it enacted, That the existing commissioners of the tax of the county, or such as may hereafter be appointed, according to law, as the case may be, in the several counties of this state, shall meet at the place where the county courts are usually held in their respective counties, on or before the first Monday of April next, or as soon thereafter as they may have notice of this act, and have received from the treasurer of the western shore, the instructions necessary for its execution, and divide their counties into districts of not less than three, nor more than twelve districts in any one county, according to the population and extent of the county, taking the election districts for that purpose, as far as the same may be deemed suitable and convenient; and shall appoint in each district, one sensible and active person to be assessor of the real and personal property in such district; and the said commissioners shall enter in a book to be kept by them, the name of the person ap-