

of Delegates; and the several clerks aforesaid shall return to the Governor, within ten days after said election, the number of ballots cast for or against the Constitution, and the number of blank ballots; and the Governor upon receiving such returns, and ascertaining the aggregate vote throughout the State, shall by his Proclamation make known the same, and if a majority of the votes cast shall be for the adoption of this Constitution, it shall go into effect on the day of _____, 1867.

Resolution providing for the Publication of the Constitution in the newspapers of the State. Reported by the Committee to whom was referred all such parts of the Constitution as had not been referred to any other Committee.

Resolved, That a Committee of three members of the Convention, be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to have the Constitution as it shall be adopted by the Convention, printed in such newspapers published in Baltimore City, and in each of the several counties of the State, and for such length of time, prior to the _____ day of _____ 1867, as the said Committee shall think expedient; and the Committee on Accounts, shall out of the fund appropriated for the expenses of this Convention, pay such bills as shall be incurred by the Committee appointed under this Resolution, when properly certified by said last mentioned Committee.

ARTICLE —.

NEW COUNTIES.

The General Assembly may provide by Law for organizing new Counties, locating and removing County Seats, and changing County lines, but no new County shall be organized without the consent of the majority of the legal voters residing within the limits proposed to be formed into said new County; nor shall the lines of any County be changed without the consent of a majority of the legal voters residing within the district which under said proposed change would form a part of a County different from that to which it belonged prior to said change; and no new County shall contain less than 400 square miles, nor less than 10,000 white inhabitants; nor shall any change be made in the limits of any County whereby the population of said County would be reduced to less than 10,000 white inhabitants, or its territory reduced to less than 400 square miles.

Which was read the first time.

On motion of Mr. Giddings,

The Convention then resumed the consideration of the