

ART. 1—ELECTIVE FRANCHISE.

Section 1. All elections shall be by ballot, and every white male citizen of the United States, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who has been a resident of the State for one year and of the legislative district of Baltimore city or of the county in which he may offer to vote for six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to vote in the ward or election district in which he resides, at all elections hereafter to be held in this State; and in case any county or city shall be so divided as to form portions of different electoral districts for the election of Representatives in Congress, Senator, Delegate or other officer or officers, then, to entitle a person to vote for such officer he must have been a resident of that part of the county or city, which shall form a part of the electoral district in which he offers to vote, for six months next preceding the election; but a person who shall have acquired a residence in such county or city entitling him to vote at any such election, shall be entitled to vote in the election district from which he removed until he shall have acquired a residence in the part of the county or city to which he has removed.

Sec. 2. No person above the age of 21 years, convicted of larceny or other infamous crime, unless pardoned by the Governor, shall ever thereafter be entitled to vote at any election in this State, and no person under guardianship as a lunatic or as a person non compos mentis, or found to be a lunatic or non compos mentis by the verdict of a jury, shall be entitled to vote.

Sec. 3. If any person shall give, or offer to give, directly or indirectly, or hath given or offered to give, since the fourth day of July, in the year 1851, any bribe, present or reward, or any promise, or any security for the payment or delivery of money or any other thing, to induce any voter to refrain from casting his vote, or forcibly to prevent him in any manner from voting, or to procure a vote for any candidate or person proposed or voted for as elector of President and Vice-President of the United States, or Representative in Congress, or for any office of profit or trust created by the constitution or laws of this State, or by the ordinances or authority of the Mayor and