

Sections 1 and 2 were read, and passed over without amendment.

Mr. Walsh moved to reconsider the vote passing over the second section, which was agreed to.

The second section being again under consideration.

Mr. Walsh moved to amend by providing that the election for Governor shall take place in November, 1867, instead of November, 1868. Mr. Walsh did not wish to speak at length on this matter, but the Convention would readily perceive why this election should not be put off for a year, but should take place while they knew where they were.

After some further discussion, the amendment was adopted by a vote of 50 to 26.

Mr. Roman moved to amend by providing that the second election for Governor under this constitution shall take place in November, 1872.

Mr. Merryman opposed the holding of the next election for Governor before 1868. He did not desire the term of the present incumbent to be shortened, and would like to know if there were so many gentlemen of this Convention anxious for this position that they could not wait a year.

Mr. Carter said there was no disposition to shorten the term of Governor Swann, and no amendments had been offered to that effect. Mr. Swann would go out in January, 1869, and the new incumbent would go in at that time; his term would expire in January, 1873, and the amendment of the gentleman from Allegany, (Mr. Roman,) provided that the election should take place in November, 1872, and all succeeding elections for Governor four years thereafter, so that perfect harmony could be preserved.

Mr. Nelson moved to recommit the whole subject to the committee, with instructions to report additional sections to secure the following objects: First, that the present Governor shall serve out his term of office; second, that the next election for Governor shall take place in 1867; and third, that the Governor then elected shall serve for