

judges shall be divided by lot into four classes; the seat of the judge of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year; the seat of the judge of the second class shall be vacated at the expiration of the fourth year; the seat of the judge of the third class shall be vacated at the expiration of the sixth year; and the seat of the judge of the fourth class shall be vacated at the end of the eighth year; so that one-fourth thereof, shall be elected on the first Wednesday in November, every second year; and an election shall be held for a judge in each of the judicial districts, as vacancies may occur in consequence of this classification, who shall hold his office for the term of eight years from the time of his election."

Determined in the negative.

Mr. Biser, moved to amend said 5th section, by striking out in the 19th line, the words "five hundred;"

Mr. Brent of Balt. city, moved to amend said section by striking out the words "two thousand five hundred," and inserting in lieu thereof "three thousand;"

The question was first put on the motion of Mr. Biser, to strike out "five hundred;"

Mr. Biser, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Dalrymple, Bell, Sherwood, of Talbot, Colston, John Dennis, Miller, Dirickson, McMaster, Fooks, Jacobs, Shriver, Gaither, Biser, Sappington, Stephenson, Nelson, Stewart, of Caroline, Hardcastle, Sherwood, of Balt. city, Fiery, John Newcomer, Harbine, Slicer, Fitzpatrick, Smith, Parke and Shower—28.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Ricaud, Pres't, pro tem., Morgan, Lee, Chambers, of Kent, Mitchell, Kent, Sellman, Weems, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Howard, Buchanan, Welch, Ridgely, Crisfield, Dashiell, Hicks, Hodson, Goldsborough, Eccleston, Phelps, Bowie, Tuck, Sprigg, Bowlin, Spenceig, Grason, George, Wright, Annan, McHenry, Gwinn, Stewart, of Balt. city, Brent, of Balt. city, Schley, Neill, Davis, Anderson, Weber, Hollyday and Brown—41.

So the Convention refused to strike out.

The question then recurred upon the amendment offered by Mr. Brent, of Balt. city, to strike out "two thousand five hundred," and insert "three thousand;"

Mr. Bowie, moved for a division of the question upon striking out.

Mr. Brent, of Balt. city, moved the question be taken by yeas and nays, and being ordered, appeared as follows:

AFFIRMATIVE—Messrs. Morgan, Kent, Dalrymple, Sollers, Brent, of Charles, Merrick, Crisfield, Gwinn and Brent, of Balt. city—9.

NEGATIVE—Messrs. Ricaud, Pr't, p. t., Lee, Mitchell, Donaldson, Sellman, Howard, Buchanan, Bell, Welch, Ridgely, Sherwood,