

representing at the time of the original appointment or vacancy, the city or counties composing the several Judicial districts within which those Judges respectively shall be required to perform their judicial duties.

Mr. Gwinn, submitted the following preamble and resolutions :

Whereas, doubts have arisen concerning the right of certain officers of the State government to hold seats in *this Convention*, by reason of prohibitions contained in the Constitution of the State, and Bill of Rights; and whereas, it is proper that this Convention as the sole Judge of the qualification of its members, should express its sense upon the questions so occurring.

Resolved, That the Legislature, in passing the act to take the sense of the people of the State as to the expediency of calling a Convention, exercised a power heretofore acknowledged in the adoption of the constitution of the United States by the State of Maryland, and pursued the only practicable mode of ascertaining the opinion of the people of the State as to the necessity of a change in the organic law.

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State, in prescribing the number of delegates to the said Convention, and in regulating the manner and time of their election, acted in the ordinary exercise of their legislative powers, as trustees of the public good, in order to ensure a regular and undisturbed exercise of the popular will : and that the members thereof do not hold any office created by the Legislature, but occupy their places by virtue of the assent of the people of this State to the calling of the said Convention, and by virtue of the trust in them reposed by the constituencies which they severally represent.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the Constitution and Bill of Rights are not in anywise applicable to *persons* holding seats in this Body, otherwise than as the same may have been, by general terms of reference, incorporated in the act under the provisions of which this Convention was elected.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention the people of this State possess an inalienable right to reform their organic law whenever they shall see fit to exercise the power: and that it is right and proper that opportunity should be afforded from time to time, by legislative provision, for ascertaining their will upon this subject.

Which was read and laid on the table.

On motion of Mr. John Newcomer, it was

Ordered, That the committee on the Legislative Department inquire into the expediency of fixing the compensation of the members of the Legislature at three dollars per day.

On motion of Mr. Stephenson, it was

Ordered, That the committee on Corporations inquire into the expediency of engrafting into the constitution an article prohibit-