

Sec. 2. The members of the House of Delegates shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Counties and City of Baltimore respectively, to serve for two years from the day of their election.

Sec. 3. The first election for Senators and Delegates, shall take place on the first Wednesday of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and the elections for Delegates, and as nearly as practicable, for one half of the Senators, shall be held on the same day in every second year thereafter; and the election for Representatives from this State in the Congress of the United States, shall take place on the same day.

Sec. 4. Immediately after the Senate shall have convened, after the first election under this Constitution, the Senators shall be divided by lot, into two classes, as nearly equal in number as may be,—the Senators of the first class shall go out of office at the expiration of two years, and Senators shall be elected on the first Wednesday of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, for the term of four years to supply their places; so that, after the first election, one-half of the Senators may be chosen every second year. In case the number of Senators be hereafter increased, such classification of the additional Senators shall be made as to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number in each class.

Sec. 5. The General Assembly shall meet on the first Wednesday of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, and at no other time, unless convened by the Proclamation of the Governor.

Sec. 6. The General Assembly may continue their first session, after the adoption of this Constitution, as long as in the opinion of the two Houses the public interests may require it, but all subsequent regular sessions of the General Assembly shall be closed on the last Thursday of March next ensuing the time of their commencement, unless the same shall be closed at an earlier day by the agreement of the two Houses. And when the General Assembly shall be convened by Proclamation of the Governor, the session shall not continue longer than thirty days.

Sec. 7. No person shall be eligible as a Senator or Delegate who, at the time of his election, is not a citizen of the United States, and who has not resided at least three years next preceding the day of his election in this State, and the last year thereof in the County or City which he may be chosen to represent, if such County or City shall have been