

so long established, and if not, then in the County from which, in whole or in part, the same may have been formed ; nor shall any person be eligible as a Senator unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-five years, nor as a Delegate unless he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, at the time of his election.

Sec. 8. No member of Congress or person holding any civil or military office under the United States, shall be eligible as a Senator or Delegate ; and if any person shall, after his election as a Senator or Delegate, be elected to Congress, or be appointed to any office, civil or military under the government of the United States, his acceptance thereof shall vacate his seat.

Sec. 9. No minister or preacher of the Gospel of any denomination, or of any religious persuasion, society or sect, while he continues to serve as such ; and no person holding any civil office of profit, or profit and trust under this State, shall be eligible to the office of Senator or Delegate.

Sec. 10. Each House shall be judge of the qualifications and elections of its members, subject to the Laws of the State—appoint its own officers, determine the rules of its own proceedings, punish a member for disorderly or disrespectful behaviour, and with the consent of two-thirds of its whole number, expel a member ; but no member shall be expelled a second time for the same offence.

Sec. 11. A majority of the whole number of each House, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day, and compel the attendance of absent members, in such manner and under such penalties as each House may prescribe.

Sec. 12. The doors of each House and of Committees of the Whole shall be open, except when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.

Sec. 13. Each House shall keep a Journal of its Proceedings, and cause the same to be published. The yeas and nays of members on any question shall, at the call of any five of them, in the House of Delegates, or one in the Senate, be entered on the Journal.

Sec. 14. Neither House shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days at any one time ; nor to any other place than that in which the House shall be sitting, without the concurrent vote of two-thirds of the members present.