

until they shall be superseded pursuant to its provisions and until their successors be duly qualified, and the compensation of such officers which has been increased by this Constitution, shall take effect from the first day of January, 1865.

#### VOTE ON THE CONSTITUTION.

SECTION. 1. For the purpose of ascertaining the sense of the people of this State, in regard to the adoption or rejection of this Constitution, the Governor shall issue his proclamation within five days after the adjournment of this Convention directed to the Sheriff of the city of Baltimore, and to the Sheriffs of the several counties of this State commanding them to give notice in the manner now prescribed by law, that an election will be held in the city of Baltimore and in the several counties of the State, at the usual places of holding elections in said city and counties, for the adoption or rejection of this Constitution, on the twelfth day of October, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, which election shall be held between the hours of eight o'clock, A. M., and six o'clock, P. M., and the Judges of election of said city, and of the several counties of the State, shall receive at said election the votes only of such electors as are qualified according to the provisions of this Constitution, who may offer to vote at such election, and the said Sheriffs shall also give notice on or after the twelfth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for all elections provided by this Constitution, to be held during that year.

Sec. 2. At the said election, the vote shall be by ballot, and each ballot shall describe thereon the words "for the Constitution," or "against the Constitution," as the voter may elect, and it shall be conducted in all respects as the general elections of this State are now conducted. The Judges of election shall administer to every person offering to vote, the oath or affirmation prescribed by this Constitution, and should any person offering to vote refuse or decline to take said oath, he shall not be permitted to vote at such election, but the taking of such oath or affirmation, shall not be deemed conclusive evidence of the right of such person to vote; and it shall be the duty of the return Judges of said city, and of the several counties of the State, having counted the votes given for or against the adoption of this Constitution, to certify the result thereof in the manner now prescribed by law, accompanied with a special statement, that every person, who has voted, has taken the oath or affirmation prescribed by the Constitution; and the Governor upon receiving such result and ascertaining the aggregate vote throughout the State, shall by his proclamation make known the same, and if a majority of the