

Judges may administer to each other; the election shall be by ballot, and any voter may vote either "for the Constitution," or "against the Constitution."

Sec. 12. Any qualified voter of this State who shall be absent from the city, or county of his residence on the day for taking the vote on the adoption or rejection of this Constitution by reason of his being in the military service of the United States, but shall be at some hospital, or military post, or on duty within this State, and not with his Company, may vote at the nearest polls to such place on satisfying the Judges that he is a legal and qualified voter of this State.

Sec. 13. The Judges may swear any one offering to vote as to his being a legal voter of this State. The Judges shall take down on a poll book, or list, the names of all the voters as their votes are taken, and the tickets shall be placed in a box as taken; after the polls are closed, the tickets shall be counted and strung on a thread, and the Judges shall make out a certificate, which they shall sign, addressed to the Governor at Annapolis, in which they shall state that they have taken the oath hereby prescribed, and shall certify the number of votes taken, and the number of votes for the Constitution, and against the Constitution; the said certificates shall be accompanied with the names of the voters, and shall be plainly expressed, but no particular words shall be required.

Sec. 14. The Judges shall, as soon as possible, transmit said returns with the tickets so strung, to the Governor, who shall receive the returns of the soldier's vote, and shall cast up the same, and judge of the genuineness and correctness of the returns, and may re-count the threaded tickets, so as to satisfy himself, and the Governor shall count said vote with the aggregate vote of the State on the adoption or rejection of this Constitution, and shall wait for fifteen days after the day on which the State vote is taken, so as to allow the returns of the soldiers' vote to be made before the result of the whole vote is announced. The Governor shall receive the returns of the soldiers' vote on said election for State officers, Presidential electors and members of Congress, and shall count the same with the aggregate home vote on State officers, and the aggregate home vote in each district respectively, for members of Congress.

Sec. 15. The Governor shall make known to the officers of the State Regiments, the provisions of this article of the Schedule, and request them to exercise the right hereby conferred upon them, and shall take all means proper to secure the soldiers' vote; and the General Assembly, at its first session after the adoption of this Constitution, shall make