

All contested elections for Comptroller of the Treasury, Commissioner of the Land Office, Judges, Clerks of Courts of Law, and Registers of Wills, shall be decided by the House of Delegates, and the testimony shall be taken in such cases in the same manner as herein prescribed in contested seats of the Senate or House of Delegates. Article 35, section 52, P. G. L., Acts 1865, chapter 143. Constitution of 1867, Article 3, section 12.

The Committee on Elections of the two Houses of the General Assembly, shall, at every session thereof, ascertain from an examination of the books of the Treasurer, whether any member-elect of their respective Houses is in default to the Treasury, and, if so, report the same to their respective Houses. Article 62, section 7, P. G. L., Maryland Code.

#### OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature elects, on joint ballot, United States Senators (Act of Congress, 1866), State Treasurer (Article III, section 1, Maryland Constitution), and police commissioners for the city of Baltimore. Article LXIV, P. G. L., section 722, Maryland Code.

The election for United States Senator begins on the second Tuesday after the commencement of the session of the Legislature next preceding the expiration of the incumbent's term. The United States Senators are elected from the Eastern and Western shores. Act of Congress, July 25, 1866; Article VI, section 1, Maryland Constitution; Acts of 1867, chapter 367; Acts of 1874, chapter 2.

#### MODE OF ELECTING UNITED STATES SENATORS.

The Act of Congress passed 25th of July, 1866, prescribes the manner of the election of Senators of the United States as follows:

SECTION 1. The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress, in the place of such Senator so going out of office, in the following manner:

Each House shall, openly, by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each House, shall be entered on the journal of each House by the clerk or secretary thereof; but if either House shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the