

abuses or irregularities which he may find to exist in any department of public affairs with which his office is connected.

SEC. 7. The office hereby established shall continue for four years from the date of the qualification of the first incumbent thereof, and shall then expire, unless continued by the General Assembly.

ARTICLE XI.

CITY OF BALTIMORE.

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the city of Baltimore qualified to vote for members of the House of Delegates shall, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in May, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, elect by ballot a person of known integrity, experience and sound judgment, over twenty-five years of age, a citizen of the United States, and five years a resident of said city next preceding the election, and assessed with property in said city to the amount of two thousand dollars, and who has paid taxes thereon for two years preceding his election to be Mayor of the city of Baltimore; but the Mayor chosen at the first election under this section shall not enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office until the expiration of the term for which the present Mayor was elected; unless the said office of Mayor shall become vacant by death, resignation, removal from the State or other disqualification of the present Mayor.*

SEC. 2. The City Council of Baltimore shall consist of two branches, one of which shall be called the First Branch, and the other the Second Branch, and each shall consist of such numbers of members, having such qualification, receiving such compensation, performing such duties, possessing such powers, holding such terms of office, and elected in such manner as are now or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

SEC. 3. An election for members of the First and Second Branch of the City Council of Baltimore shall be held in the city of Baltimore on the fourth Wednesday of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; and for members of the First Branch on the same day in every year thereafter; and for members of the Second Branch on the same day in every

*Thus amended by Chapter 123, Acts of 1898. By Chapter 116, Acts of 1870, the term of Mayor was made two years; and by Chapter 397, Acts of 1888, the day of election was set for the Tuesday after the first Monday in November. Act of 1898, Chapter 123, made the first Monday in May, 1899, the day of election, and every four years afterward.