

the recess, at their next session, shall proceed to elect, by joint ballot of the two houses, some person, being a qualified resident of the gubernatorial district from which the governor for said term is to be taken, to be Governor for the residue of said term, in place of the person originally chosen; and in every case of vacancy, until the election and qualification of the person succeeding, the secretary of State, by virtue of his said office, shall be clothed, ad interim, with the Executive powers of government; and in case there shall be no Secretary of State, or in case he shall refuse to act, remove from the State, die, resign, or be removed for cause, the person filling the office of President of the Senate, shall by virtue of his said office, be clothed ad interim, with the Executive powers of government; and in case there shall be no president of the senate, or in case he shall refuse to act, remove from the State, die, resign, or be removed for cause, the person filling the office of Speaker of the House of Delegates shall, by virtue of his said office, be clothed, ad interim, with the Executive powers of Government.

Sec. 19. The term of office of the Governor, who shall be chosen on the first Monday of January next, shall continue for the term of one year, and until the Election and qualification of a successor, to be chosen as hereinafter mentioned.

Sec. 20. At the time and places of holding the elections in the several counties of this State, and in the City of Baltimore, for delegates to the General Assembly for the December session of the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight, and before the same judges by whom the election for delegates shall be held, and in every third year forever thereafter, an election shall also be held

for a Governor of this State, whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of January next ensuing the day of such election, and continue for three years, and until the election and qualification of a successor; at which said election every person qualified to vote for delegates to the General Assembly, at the place at which he shall offer to vote, shall be entitled to vote for Governor; and the person voted for as Governor, shall possess the qualifications now required by the constitution and form of Government, and the additional qualification of being at least thirty years of age, and of being, and of having been for at least three whole years before, a resident within the limits of the gubernatorial district, from which the Governor is to be taken, at such election, according to the priority which shall be determined, as hereinafter mentioned; that is to say, the State shall be, and the same is hereby divided into three gubernatorial Districts as follows, the counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester shall together compose one district, and until its number shall be determined as hereinafter provided, shall be known as the Eastern District; the counties of Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's, Anne Arundel, (inclusive of the City of Annapolis) Montgomery, and Baltimore City shall, together compose one district, and until its number shall be determined, as hereinafter provided, shall be known as the Southern District Baltimore, Harford, Carroll, Frederick, Washington and Allegany Counties, shall together compose one district, and until its number shall be determined as hereinafter provided, shall be known as the Northwestern District; and for the purpose of determining the respective numbers and order of priority of said