

as Governor, and in relation to the returns, and in relation to the qualifications of the persons voted for, as Governor shall be decided by the Senate; and in case two or more persons, legally qualified according to the provisions of this act, shall have an equal number of legal votes, then the Senate and House of Delegates, upon joint ballot, shall determine which one of them shall be Governor, and the one which, upon counting the ballots, shall have the highest number of votes shall be Governor and shall qualify accordingly.

Sec. 23. No person who shall be elected, and shall act as Governor, shall be again eligible for the next succeeding term.

Sec. 24. The elections to be held in pursuance of this act, shall be held on the first Wednesday of October, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty eight, and for the election of Delegates on the same day in every year thereafter, for the election of Governor on the same day in every third year thereafter, and for the election of Senators of the first class, on the same day in the second year after their election and classification, and on the same day in every sixth year thereafter, and for the election of Senators of the second class, on the same day, in the fourth year after their election and classification, and on the same day in every sixth year thereafter, and for the election of Senators of the third class, on the same day, in the sixth year after their election and classification, and on the same day in every sixth year thereafter.

Sec. 25. In all elections for Governor, the city of Annapolis shall be deemed and taken as a part of Anne Arundel County.

Sec. 26. The relation of Master and Slave in this State, shall not be abol-

ished, unless a Bill so to abolish the same, shall be passed by a *unanimous* vote of the members of each branch of the General Assembly, and shall be published at least three months before a new election of Delegates, and shall be confirmed by a *unanimous* vote of the members of each branch of the General Assembly, at the next regular constitutional session after such new election, *nor then* without full compensation to the master for the property of which he shall be thereby deprived.

Sec. 27. The City of Annapolis shall continue to be the seat of Government, and the place of holding the sessions of the Court of appeals for the Western Shore, and the High Court of Chancery.

Sec. 28. If this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly, after a new election of Delegates, in the first session after such new election agreeably to the provisions of the Constitution and form of government, then and in such case this act, and the alterations and amendments of the Constitution therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as a part of said constitution and form of Government, anything in the said Constitution and form of Government to the contrary notwithstanding.

1839

**Proposed by Act of 1838, chapter 411.
Ratified 1839.**

All future Sessions of the General Assembly of this State shall close on the tenth day of March in each and every year, unless the same shall be closed at an earlier day, by the agreement of the two Houses.

1841

**Proposed by Act of 1840, chapter 230.
Ratified 1841.**

Sec. 1. Upon the resignation of a