

Members of
second
branch of
city council
when and
how to be
elected.

SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly,** That the persons in the several wards of the said city, qualified to vote for members of the first branch of the city council, shall, on the first Monday in October next, and on the first† Monday in October in every second year thereafter, assemble at the place of holding elections in their respective wards, and in each ward there shall be elected, by ballot, one person, a resident of the ward by which he is elected, which persons, elected as aforesaid, and being eligible as such, shall be the members of the second branch of the city council of Baltimore; and all vacancies in the said second branch of the city council shall be filled in the same manner that vacancies in the first branch of the city council are filled up.

* The words 'of Maryland' omitted in the engrossed law and record.

† By 1827, ch. 183, sec. 1, it is altered to the third Monday.

Mayor,
how to be
chosen.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the mayor of the said city shall be chosen in the following manner, to wit: The persons qualified to vote for members of the first branch of the city council, shall, on the first Monday in October next, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, assemble at the place of holding elections in their respective wards in the city of Baltimore, and elect, by ballot, sixteen persons qualified to be members of the first branch of the city council as electors of the mayor of the said city, two of whom shall reside in each of the said wards, which said electors shall, on the first Monday in November next, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, meet at some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and by ballot elect a mayor, to serve as such for two years next thereafter; and no person shall be eligible as mayor, who is not of known integrity, experience and sound judgment, twenty-five years of age, ten years a citizen of the United States, five years a resident in the city of Baltimore next preceding the election, and assessed on the books of the assessor with property in the city of Baltimore to the amount of five hundred dollars; and in case two or more persons shall have an equal number of votes for the mayor, the said electors shall determine, by lot, which of the persons, so having an equal number of votes, shall be appointed to the office of mayor; and the said electors, before they proceed to the said election, shall swear, or affirm, as the case may be, that they will elect, without favour, partiality, or prejudice, such person for mayor, as they, in their judgment and conscience, believe best qualified for the office, and having other qualifications required by this act; that the said electors shall be judges of their own elections, returns and qualifications; but no person who is a member of either branch of the city council, or holds any office of profit in the said corporation, shall be eligible as elector of the mayor; and