

some convenient place in the city of Baltimore, and assent to and adopt, or dissent from and reject, the foregoing alterations and provisions established by this act, and shall return, in writing, under their hands and seals, a statement of their proceedings to the register's office of the city of Baltimore, and also a duplicate thereof to the clerk of the court of appeals of the western shore of Maryland, there to be kept as other public records are.

Persons authorized to hold said elections.

SEC. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the persons appointed to hold elections in the several wards of the said city, on the first Monday in October last, shall, and it is hereby required of them, to hold and conduct an election for the said delegates to the convention on the said first Monday in February next, in the same manner that an election for members of the first branch of the city council is had; the expenses of which election shall be defrayed by the said corporation, in the same manner that the expenses of other city elections are.

AN ACT relating to the City of Baltimore.—1817, ch. 148.

Division of city into wards.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That from and after the thirtieth day of September next, the city of Baltimore shall be divided into twelve wards, as nearly equal in population as may be, and the boundaries of which shall be as nearly as practicable in right lines. And when the number of its inhabitants shall have increased to ninety thousand, the said city shall be divided into fourteen wards, and when it shall have increased to one hundred and twenty thousand, the said city shall be divided into sixteen wards; and when it shall have increased to one hundred and sixty thousand, the said city shall be divided into eighteen wards; and when it shall have increased to two hundred thousand, the said city shall be divided into twenty wards. And it shall be the duty of the corporation to correct the divisions from time to time, so as to preserve as accurately as may be, an equal number of inhabitants in each ward.

To be corrected.

Annual session.

Quorum.

Tenure of office.

Appointing power.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the annual session of the city council of Baltimore, shall hereafter commence on the first Monday of January. Two-thirds of each branch shall be a quorum to do business: and all persons holding offices under the corporation of the said city, shall, unless otherwise provided by acts of assembly, or by ordinances of the city, be understood to hold such offices, during the pleasure of the mayor. And the mayor of the city shall nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of a convention of the two branches of the city council, shall appoint all officers under the corporation, except the register of the city, and the clerks employed by the city, or under their authority. The register shall be appointed