

Times and  
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elections.

United States shall be on the first Monday of October, eighteen hundred and six, and on the same day in every second year thereafter; the next election of electors of the senate on the first Monday of September, eighteen hundred and six, and on the same day in every fifth year thereafter; the next election of delegates to the general assembly on the first Monday of October next, and on the same day in every year thereafter; the next election of sheriffs on the first Monday of October, eighteen hundred and six, and on the same day in every third year thereafter, in the several districts, and at the several places, established for the holding of elections by the commissioners appointed under the act, entitled, an act to regulate elections, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, chapter fifty, except in Saint Mary's, Cecil, Washington, Allegany, and Prince George's counties, where they shall be held as established under the act of November session, eighteen hundred and one, chapter fifty-nine, except only in the second district in the aforesaid county of Allegany, where, instead of being held at John Simkins's tavern as formerly, it shall in future be held at some house in Selby's Port in said second district, except also in the fourth district in Montgomery, where they shall in future be held as directed by an act passed at the present session, in Frederick county, where they shall be held as established under the act of November session, eighteen hundred and three, chapter forty-six, and except in the third district of Caroline county, where they shall hereafter be held at the place called and known by the name of The Walnut Trees, in said district.

This section has been essentially and frequently modified, by subsequent acts.

The election of representatives to the congress of the United States, is now held under the act of 1832, ch. 275.

There is now no election of electors of the senate, they spring directly from the people. Under the amendments to the constitution, adopted in 1836, ch. 197, the election of delegates to the general assembly, and all other elections, come on the first Wednesday in October.

The act of 1799, ch. 50, sec. 20, after naming commissioners for the several counties in the state, enacts, 'that they be and are hereby appointed commissioners to lay off, designate and number the districts in their respective counties, and to fix the place where the election shall be held in each district thereof.'

The act of 1801, ch. 59, sec. 1 and 2, contain the following provisions :

'WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, that several of the election districts in the counties of St. Mary's, Cecil, Washington and Allegany, have not been laid off by the commissioners appointed under the act to regulate elections, as nearly equal as possible, having regard to the population, extent and convenience of voters, and that great inconvenience is experienced from attending places of holding elections from their not being central in said districts: And whereas by the assumption of jurisdiction by congress over the District of Columbia, the election districts of Prince