

George's county have become unequal in point of population and extent; for remedy whereof, . . .

'SEC. 2. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the persons herein after named shall be and they are hereby appointed and authorized, or a majority of them, or a majority of the survivors of them, in each of the counties herein after mentioned, commissioners, to review the election districts in their counties respectively, and to alter and change the lines and bounds of any of the said districts, which in their judgment ought to be altered and changed, and also to alter the places of holding the elections in such districts respectively, if necessary, carefully making the several districts as nearly equal as possible, having regard to population, extent, and the convenience of the voters, and also to make choice of a place in each district at which the elections shall be held, as nearly central as shall be practicable, having regard to the circumstances aforesaid, and the accommodation of persons attendant upon such elections; and the said commissioners shall, on or before the fifteenth day of June next, deliver to the clerk of the county court of their respective counties a description, in writing, under their hands and seals, specifying plainly the boundaries and number of each district which shall be altered and changed under this act, and also the place in each district where the election for such districts shall be hereafter held, and the said clerk shall record the same in the records of the county.'

The number of districts originally laid off by these commissioners, has been enlarged, and the places of holding the elections therein, have been frequently changed. There are at present in Anne Arundel county, seven election districts; Allegany, nine; Baltimore county, thirteen; Calvert, three; Caroline, three; Carroll, nine; Cecil, five; Charles, four; Dorchester, eight; Frederick, fourteen; Harford, five; Kent, three; Montgomery, five; Prince George's, six; Queen Anne's, five; Saint Mary's, five; Somerset, eleven; Talbot, four; Washington, eight; Worcester, seven; Baltimore city has twelve wards.

The several laws producing these changes, will be distributed to their appropriate counties, in the subdivision of 'Public Local Law,' under an impression that such an arrangement will be most conducive to a speedy reference to their several provisions.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted,* That the judges aforesaid shall appoint two clerks, being above the age of twenty-one years, to enter the names of the voters, separately and plainly, on the books provided for that purpose, and if any clerk, so appointed, shall neglect or refuse to act, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars.

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SEC. 11. *And be it enacted,* That every judge of an election, before he proceeds to take or receive any vote, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: 'I, A. B., do swear, or affirm, that I will permit all persons to vote who shall offer to poll at the election now to be held for — county, or — city, who in my judgment shall, according to the directions contained in this law, and the constitution and form of government, be entitled to poll at the same election, and that I will not permit any person to poll at the same election who is not in my judgment qualified to vote as aforesaid, and will in all

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