

who shall discharge such duties, and receive such compensation, as shall be prescribed by law.

SEC. 18. That in case a vacancy shall occur in the office of governor at any time after this act shall go into operation, the general assembly, if in session, or if in the recess, at their next session, shall proceed to elect by joint ballot of the two houses, some person, being a qualified resident of the gubernatorial district from which the governor for said term is to be taken, to be governor for the residue of said term in place of the person originally chosen; and in every case of vacancy until the election and qualification of the person succeeding, the secretary of state, by virtue of his said office, shall be clothed, ad interim, with the executive powers of government; and in case there shall be no secretary of state, or in case he shall refuse to act, remove from the state, die, resign, or be removed for cause, the person filling the office of president of the senate shall by virtue of his said office, be clothed, ad interim, with the executive powers of government; and in case there shall be no president of the senate, or in case he shall refuse to act, remove from the state, die, resign, or be removed for cause, the person filling the office of speaker of the house of delegates shall, by virtue of his said office, be clothed, ad interim, with the executive powers of government.

In case of a vacancy of governor.

The legislature to elect by joint ballot.

Secretary of state governor ad interim; if he dies, &c. then the president of senate; and if he dies then the speaker of the H. of delegates.

SEC. 19. That the term of office of the governor, who shall be chosen on the first Monday of January next, shall continue for the term of one year, and until the election and qualification of a successor, to be chosen as herein after mentioned.

Term of governor, chosen 1838

SEC. 20. That at the time and places of holding the elections in the several counties of this state, and in the city of Baltimore, for delegates to the general assembly for the December session of the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and before the same judges by whom the election for delegates shall be held, and in every third year for ever thereafter, an election shall also be held for a governor of this state, whose term of office shall commence on the first Monday of January next ensuing the day of such election, and continue for three years, and until the election and qualification of a successor; at which said election every person qualified to vote for delegates to the general assembly, at the place at which he shall offer to vote, shall be entitled to vote for governor, and the person voted for as governor shall possess the qualifications now required by the constitution and form of government, and the additional qualification of being at least thirty years of age, and of being and of having been for at least three whole years before, a resident within the limits of the gubernatorial district from which the governor is to be taken at such election, according to the priority which shall be determined as herein after mentioned, that is

Election of governor thereafter.

Term of office.

Qualification of voters.

Qualification of governor.

His residence.