

OFFICERS ELECTED BY THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature elects on joint ballot, United States Senators, State Treasurer and Police Commissioners for the City of Baltimore.

The election for United States Senator begins on the second Tuesday after the commencement of the session of the Legislature next preceding the expiration of the incumbent's term. The Legislature of 1886 will elect a successor to the Hon. A. P. Gorman. The election for State Treasurer takes place on such day at its regular session as the two Houses may select. The election for Police Commissioners, whose terms are six years, takes place on such days as the Legislature appoints. The General Assembly of 1886 will elect a successor to Hon. George Colton, Police Commissioner of the City of Baltimore. The U. S. Senators are elected alternately from the Eastern and Western Shores. *Act of Congress, July 25, 1866, Art. 6, Sec. 1, Md. Const. Acts of 1867, Ch. 367. Acts of 1874, Ch. 2.*

MODE OF ELECTING UNITED STATES SENATORS.

The Act of Congress passed 25th of July, 1866, prescribes the manner of the election of Senators of the United States, as follows :

SEC. 1. The Legislature of each State, which shall be chosen next preceding the expiration of the time for which any Senator was elected to represent said State in Congress, shall, on the second Tuesday after the meeting and organization thereof, proceed to elect a Senator in Congress, in the place of such Senator so going out of office, in the following manner :

Each House shall, openly, by a *viva voce* vote of each member present, name one person for Senator in Congress from said State, and the name of the person so voted for, who shall have a majority of the whole number of votes cast in each House, shall be entered on the journal of each House, by the clerk or secretary thereof; but if either House shall fail to give such majority to any person on said day, that fact shall be entered on the journal. At twelve o'clock, meridian, of the day following that on which proceedings are required to take place, as aforesaid, the members of the two Houses shall convene in joint assembly, and the journal of each House shall then be read, and if the