

C H A P. IX.

A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to enable the judges of the general court to continue certain causes therein mentioned, and to adjourn the county courts therein mentioned. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS by the said act Montgomery county court is adjourned to the second Tuesday of January next, and Washington county court to the fourth Tuesday of January next: And whereas by the said act no provision is made for the qualification of the sheriffs of the said counties, who were elected on the first Monday of October last: Preamble.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That in each of the said counties it shall and may be lawful for three or more of the justices of the said county courts to meet in court at the usual places of holding the courts of the said counties, at any time before the said days to which the said courts are adjourned, and then and there to qualify the said sheriffs, and to take bonds with security from the said sheriffs, and to do any and every other act relating to the qualification of the sheriffs, and taking the bond with security required by law, in the same manner as either of the said courts would have been authorized to do the same at the usual time for their meeting in November last, if the said act had not passed. Justices to meet and qualify sheriffs, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That each of the said sheriffs, after qualification and giving bond with security under this act, shall proceed in the execution of his office, in the same manner as he might have done if the said courts had not been adjourned, and the qualification and execution of the bond aforesaid had taken place at the usual times and places for the meeting of the said courts in the month of November last past. Who may proceed in their offices, &c.

IV. *And be it enacted,* That all causes, pleas, and other proceeding, civil and criminal, depending in either of the said county courts at their adjourned August courts, and then not finally determined, or continued to the November courts, shall, on the meeting of the said November courts in the month of January next, be in the same situation and condition in every respect that they would have been in if continued to the said November courts. Causes, &c. to be in same situation, &c.

V. *And be it enacted,* That all writs, executions, and other process, to be issued in either of the said counties returnable to March court next, and all summonses, and other process, to be issued returnable to November adjourned court, in either of the said counties, shall bear test, as of the days when the said courts would have met in the month of November last, as if the said recited act had not passed. And writs, &c. to bear test, &c.

VI. *And be it enacted,* That in each of the counties in this state where the sheriff may not have been qualified, or given bond, and the courts of the said counties have been adjourned, it shall and may be lawful for three or more of the justices of the said courts to meet in court at any day before the day to which they may be adjourned, and to exercise similar powers to those herein given to the justices of Montgomery and Washington county courts for the qualification and taking security of the sheriffs of those counties, which qualification and giving of bond under this act shall be as effectual to every purpose as if they had taken place at the said courts before adjournment. Justices in each county may meet, &c.

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An ACT directing the time, places and manner, of holding elections for representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and for appointing electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, and for the regulation of the said elections. Passed December 22.

WHEREAS it is declared by the constitution of the United States, that the house of representatives in the congress of the United States shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of Preamble.