

and certified copies of said plat shall be admitted as evidence in all the courts of this State; and the said Mayor and City Council shall pay the said commissioners five dollars per day for the time they may be engaged in the discharge of their duties, and shall pay all other expenses that may be incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act.

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That when the said annexation shall have been effected, as required by this act, that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall cause the said portion so annexed to be divided and laid out into such number of new wards as to give to each as nearly as may be possible the same number of inhabitants as are required for the present wards of the city, and to have an even number of wards; and such division shall from time to time be altered and corrected as is provided for the present wards of Baltimore city, and for each new ward there shall be one member of the First Branch of the City Council, and for all two wards created there shall be one member of the Second Branch of the City Council, qualified and selected as from the present wards.

Divide annexed portion.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted*, That after said annexation, as required by this act, that the said new wards to be laid off by this act and the inhabitants thereof, shall in all respects, and to all intent and purposes, be subject to the powers, jurisdiction, authority vested or to be vested by law in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore and in the corporation of said city, and to all ordinances of the Mayor and City Council now in force or hereafter to be enacted; and said portion so annexed, shall in all respects, be taken and considered as part of said city and corporation; provided, that all property, real and personal, having its sites within the territory so to be annexed, shall be assessed for the purposes of city taxation, at one-half of the amount of its cash value for the period of ten years after the passage of this act, except where five houses are actually built upon any square or block of ground in said territory so annexed, and front upon a paved street, then the said property so built on, and the personal property of the person resident in said houses shall be subject to taxation in the same manner as if said property so built

New wards to be laid off

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