

division the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall forthwith appoint five commissioners, two of whom at least shall be taken from the additions to the said city made by this Act, and who shall forthwith proceed in such manner, and under such regulations, as the said Mayor and City Council shall prescribe, to lay off and establish the said eight election districts, and to fix and establish the places of holding elections therein, respectively; and all such elections shall be held at the said places in the manner, and subject to the rules, regulations and provisions, heretofore made by law concerning elections in the City of Baltimore, except so far as they are hereby altered.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the said new wards to be laid off by virtue of this Act, shall in all respects, and to all intents and purposes, be subject to the powers, jurisdictions and authority, vested, or to be vested, by law, in the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and in the corporation of the said city, and shall be in all respects taken and considered as parts of the said city and corporation; provided, nevertheless, that no part of the city tax of two dollars in the hundred pounds shall be imposed on any real or personal property within any of the said wards, until there shall be at least five dwelling houses on each acre of land; that is to say, that each acre of such land, and the property thereon, shall be wholly exempted from the said tax till there shall be erected on such acre five dwelling houses, nor shall any tax for the making or repairing of the public roads or bridges of the county, out of the limits aforesaid, be levied upon the property within those limits.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That the five following persons, to wit: John Beall Howard, Joseph Ford, Caleb Merryman, Labon Welsh and Robert Lyon, shall be and are hereby appointed commissioners to ascertain and fix new places for holding elections in the first and fourth election districts of Baltimore County, respectively, instead of the places heretofore fixed and established for that purpose in the said districts, and shall proceed in the execution of their duty, in the same manner and under the like penalties, as are prescribed in the Act, entitled "An Act to regulate elections, for the Commissioners appointed by virtue thereof."

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That all acts, and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, shall be, and are hereby repealed.

*Origin and Boundaries.*—Baltimore town, in Baltimore county, was laid out under the provisions of the Act of Assembly of 1729, ch. 13. The town was extended under the Acts of 1732, ch. 14; 1745, ch. 9; 1747, ch. 21, and 1773, ch. 4. Baltimore City was incorporated by the Act of 1796, ch. 68. It was separated from Baltimore county by the Constitution of 1851 and the Acts of 1852, chs. 17, 18, 86, 357; 1853, ch. 253, and 1858, ch. 248.

The present city boundaries were established by virtue of the Act of 1816, ch. 209; the Act of 1888, ch. 98, and Act of 1918, ch. 82.

As to the Act of 1816, ch. 209, and the boundaries of the counties, *see* Raab v. The State, 7 Md. 494. *Hammond's lessee v. Inloes*, 4 Md. 144, and Public General Laws, Art. 1, sec. 10.

Baltimore county had been formed by proclamation as early as 1659. This county included at first all land lying to the north of Anne Arundel county on both sides