

## 1864, CHAPTER 5.

- AN ACT to provide for the taking of the sense of the people upon the call of a Convention to frame a new Constitution and Form of Government for this State, to provide for the election of Delegates to said Convention, and the assembling thereof.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That on the first Wednesday of April next, at the same places where the polls are by law held in the several counties and the city of Baltimore for the election of Delegates to the General Assembly, every person entitled to vote for Delegates to the General Assembly, shall vote upon the question of a call of a Convention to frame a new Constitution and Form of Government, by expressing in writing or in printed form, on the same ballot he may cast for Delegates to said Convention, the words "For a Convention," or "Against a Convention," as the case may be, and in case there should be any ballots cast without the designation hereinbefore prescribed, the same shall not be counted either for or against a Convention, but a separate return shall be made of the same by the judges of election as aforesaid, and that at the same election the legal voters of this State shall, by ballot, elect Delegates to the said Convention, whose qualifications shall be the same as those now required for a seat in the House of Delegates, and each county and the city of Baltimore shall be entitled to elect the same number of Delegates to the said Convention as they now have respectively in both Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, and it shall be the duty of the sheriffs of the several counties and the city of Baltimore to give notice of said election in the same manner and for the same length of time as is now required in the election of Delegates to the General Assembly of this State, and that the several judges of election of this State shall receive, accurately count and duly return the number of ballots so cast to the several clerks of the Circuit Courts of this State, and to the clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, respectively, who shall, within ten days after said election, make a due return to the