

provisions of this act before said Convention shall organize; *and provided further*, that fifty members at least shall be necessary to constitute a quorum after organization; and the judges of election shall, at said election, administer the oath to every person offering to vote, whose vote shall be challenged on the ground that such person has served in the rebel army, or has either directly or indirectly given aid, comfort or encouragement to those in armed rebellion against the government of the United States, or is for any other reason not a legal voter, in the manner and form provided by section twenty-one of article thirty five of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to elections; and a judge or judges of election failing to comply with the provisions of this act, shall be liable to the same penalties as he or they would be by the non-compliance with the existing election laws of this State.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as the Governor shall receive the return of the number of ballots cast in this State for or against a Convention, and the blank ballots cast, it shall be the duty of the Governor to count and cast up the same, and if upon casting up and counting said returns so as aforesaid made to him, it shall appear to the Governor that more votes have been cast by the legal voters of this State in favor of the call of a Convention than have been cast against the call of a Convention, then it shall be the duty of the Governor to issue his proclamation for the holding and assembling of said Convention, and of the delegates duly elected thereto, at the time and place hereinafter specified.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in case a majority of the ballots cast shall be in favor of the call of a Convention as aforesaid, then the said Convention shall meet at the city of Annapolis on the last Wednesday of April, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and shall continue in session from day to day until the business for which said Convention shall have been assembled, shall be fully completed and finished; and said Convention shall have full power and authority to determine on the validity of the election and qualification of its members, and the compensation of the delegates to said Convention shall