

tricts four, five, six and fourteen, and in said districts four, five, six and fourteen there shall be one justice of the peace for each of said districts, and there shall be one constable in each election district now existing or hereafter to be created in said county.

When effective.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this act shall take effect from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-two; and in the meantime the said section ninety-four shall remain in force as it existed prior to the passage of this act.

Approved April 10, 1880.

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### CHAPTER 253.

AN ACT to amend the Code of Public General Laws, article forty-five, relating to husband and wife, by adding sections thereto, to be known as sections thirty-one, thirty-two and thirty-three respectively, to relieve a husband from liability from his wife's debts before marriage.

Additional sections.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the following sections be added to the article forty-five, relating to husband and wife, viz.:

Who is liable

SECTION 31. No husband shall hereafter be liable in any manner for any debts of his wife contracted, or for any claims or demands against her arising prior to marriage, but she and her property shall remain liable therefor in the same manner as if the marriage had not taken place.

How operative

SEC. 32. Proceedings at law or in equity, according to the nature of such debts, claims or demands, may be taken against such married woman, notwithstanding her coverture in her married name, joining her husband therein as a defendant; but no