

House bill, File No. 589, entitled "An Act to add two new sections to Article 16 of the Code of Public Local Laws, 'title 'Primary Elections,' to be called 'Sections 220 and 221,' and to repeal all local laws applicable to and regulating primary elections in Montgomery county."

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

By Committee :

Strike out all after the words "A bill" and insert the following in lieu thereof :

"Entitled An Act regulating certain primary elections in Montgomery county, in the state of Maryland."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the political parties, which, at the general election November 3rd, 1903, polled ten per cent of the entire vote cast in Montgomery County, shall hereafter, in the year 1905, and biennially thereafter, nominate their candidates for all local offices to be voted for at the general election in 1905, and biennially thereafter, including the candidates for the Senate, and members of the House of Delegates, by means of primary elections conducted under the provisions of this Act, and not otherwise. Said candidates may be nominated by direct vote of the duly registered voters belonging to or acting with said parties in each precinct of said county or they may be nominated by county conventions, the delegates to which shall be elected at primary elections duly held in the different precincts of said county. Said elections shall be biennially held as above stated on a day to be fixed by agreement between the governing bodies of said parties, not earlier than the second Saturday in June, and not later than the first Saturday in August.

"Sec. 2. And it shall be the duty of the governing bodies of said political parties, as soon as they have agreed upon a day, to notify the Supervisors of Election of the day selected, which notice shall be at least fifteen days before the date fixed for said primary election, and in case said governing bodies shall fail to