

CHAPTER 16.

CHAP. 16.

An act to divide the State into six Congressional Districts.

Passed Jan.
15, 1844.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is declared by the Constitution of the United States, that the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, shall be composed of members chosen every two years by the people of the several States; that the electors in each State, shall have the same qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislature; and whereas it is declared by the act of Congress, passed the twenty fifth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled, an act for the apportionment of representatives among the several States, according to the sixth census; that from and after the third day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, the House of Representatives of the United States, shall be composed of members elected agreeably to a ratio of one representative for every seventy thousand, six hundred and eighty persons in each State, and one additional representative for each State, having a fraction larger than one half of the said ratio, computed according to the rule prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, according to which apportionment this State is entitled, to six representatives in the Congress of the United States.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purpose of electing six representatives to the Congress of the United States, this State shall be divided into six districts, which shall be numbered from one to six. That Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's, Montgomery and Anne Arundel counties, excepting Howard District in Anne Arundel county, shall constitute the first district. That Allegany, Washington and Frederick counties, shall constitute the second district. That Carroll county, Baltimore county, Howard District in Anne Arundel county, and the twelfth, thirteenth and fourteenth wards of the city of Baltimore, as they are now known and constituted, shall compose the third district. That the wards of the city of Baltimore, known as the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh wards, shall constitute the fourth district. That Harford, Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Caroline counties, shall constitute the fifth district. That Talbot, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties, shall constitute the sixth district. That each district shall be entitled to elect one representative to Congress.

Numbering of
districts.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That whereas this State was not divided into Congressional Districts, at the time of holding the regular elections in the month of October,

Special elec-
tion.