

of Howard district, by the same persons whose duty it is by law to hold an election in those election districts, of delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland. CHAP. 98.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said commissioners of the said district, after the first election to be held for sheriff, under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, chapter twenty-two, and they are hereby authorised to lay off and divide Howard district into three election districts, carefully making the several election districts as nearly equal as may be, having regard to population, extent of territory and the convenience of the voters of each of the said districts; and each of said districts shall be numbered by said commissioners, beginning with the number five, and be known hereafter by such number; and the said commissioners shall designate a place as nearly central as may be, in each election district so laid off, at which the election shall be held; and the said commissioners shall as soon as practicable, deliver to the clerk of the said Howard district court, and to the clerk of Anne Arundel county court, each a description in writing, under their hands and seals, specifying plainly the boundaries and numbers of each of said election districts, and also the place in each of said election districts where the election is to be held; and the said clerks shall record the same among the records of said Howard district and of Anne Arundel county, respectively; and it shall be further the duty of said commissioners to cause copies of said description to be published in hand-bill form and set up at five of the most public places in each election district, as soon as practicable; and at all elections thereafter to be held in said Howard district alone, or as a part of Anne Arundel county, the voters within the limits of each of said election districts shall vote at the place where the election is to be held in such district.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That at the next annual election, and at each annual election thereafter, the voters of each of said election districts, who are now or may at the time of the election, be qualified to vote for members of the House of Delegates, shall vote at their respective places of voting for one person who shall be resident of such election district, and who has the same qualifications as candidates for the House of Delegates; and it shall be the duty of the judges of election to make such returns of said election as is by law required in case of an election for sheriff; and the three persons thus elected from the three election districts, shall constitute a board of commissioners, who shall