

the judges, do return that — had — votes and — had — votes. Given under our hands this — day of —, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and —.”

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XCVII.

XVI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in all cases where a county has been or shall be divided, for the purpose of forming a district to elect a member or members to the congress of the United States, or to elect an elector or electors to choose the president and vice-president of the United States, the judges, in making the return aforesaid, shall designate therein, that the said districts, at which they presided as judges, are part of district No. —, as laid out by law to choose a member to represent this State in the congress of the United States, or are part of district No. —, as laid out by law to elect electors to choose the president and vice-president of the United States, (as the case may require.)

XVII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if, at the time appointed for the assembling of the said judges, any of them should be prevented from attending, in such case the judge or judges who shall attend, may adjourn from day to day, until the judges required to meet shall all assemble, immediately after which they shall proceed to perform the duties required as aforesaid.

XVIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the judges aforesaid shall respectively lodge with the clerk of the county, within one day from their meeting as aforesaid, the books of the polls of all the districts in said county, together with a certificate of all the votes given in the said districts; and the said judges shall also, within the time aforesaid, cause one other certificate, made out by them as aforesaid, to be enclosed, sealed up, and directed to the governor and council, endorsed on public service, and placed in the post-office at the place of meeting as aforesaid, in case there shall be a post-office there, and if none there, then in the next convenient post-office thereto, to be transmitted to the governor and council.

XIX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That in case of elections for delegates to the general assembly, or for electors of the senate, the said judges shall cause the return, directed, enclosed, and transmitted, as aforesaid to the governor and council, to be addressed to the chancellor of Maryland, to be by them delivered to the chancellor.

XX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the said respective county clerks, with whom the said certificates and polls are lodged, shall, under the penalty of one hundred dollars, make out a true copy of the said certificate, lodged with him by the judges aforesaid, of all the votes, under the seal of his office, within five days after the same shall be as aforesaid deposited, and the same, when made out, enclose and seal up, directed to the governor and council, endorsed on public service, to be by the said clerk, within the time last mentioned, placed in the post-office aforesaid, to be transmitted as aforesaid.

XXI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the electors of president and vice-president aforesaid, to be selected as aforesaid, shall assemble on the first Wednesday of December, in the year eighteen hundred and eight, and on the same day in every fourth year thereafter, unless the congress of the United States should by law otherwise direct, and in that event, on the day thereby directed, at the city of Annapolis, and shall then and there perform the duties enjoined upon them by the constitution of the United States, and the laws made in pursuance thereof.

XXII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for all elections for representatives to serve in the house of representatives of the United States, and for electors to choose a president and vice-president of the United States, in which the city of Baltimore now is, or may hereafter be made, by any law of this State, a part of a district, and also for all future elections of delegates to the general assembly, and electors of senate for the said city, and in all elections for sheriff in the city of Baltimore, as part of the county of Baltimore, the said city is hereby divided into eight wards or districts into which it is now divided by the mayor and city council of Baltimore for choosing of members of the first branch of the city council, and the judges of the said elections for members of the first branch of the city council of Baltimore aforesaid, now appointed, or hereafter to be appointed from time to time under the corporation of the said city, shall be the judges of the elections aforesaid, and the said judges shall hold and conduct the said elections at the several places prescribed by the ordinances of the said city for holding the elections for members of the first branch of the city council of said city, and shall, in all other respects as to time and manner of holding said elections, and ascertaining and declaring the persons elected, pursue and observe, under the penalties herein before imposed on the other judges of elections, the several rules and regulations by this act prescribed to the several judges of elections in the county districts aforesaid, in relation to similar elections, and conform