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gister, and the Governor shall commission such person for Clerk or Register, as the case may be, who shall have received the greatest number of votes, and in case two or more persons shall receive an equal number of votes for Clerk or Register, the Governor shall, as soon as he shall have ascertained the same, order a new election, and direct his order to the Sheriff of the county, city, or Howard District, as the case may be, requiring him to hold the new election on some day to be specified in such order, within forty days of the time of the issuing thereof, and the Sheriff shall give at least ten days public notice of the time and places of holding such elections; and in case of a second contested election, the Governor shall determine the same, and commission the person he may ascertain to have been fairly elected, or, in his discretion, may order a new election, as in cases of a tie, as hereinbefore provided for; *provided*, that the Governor shall not commission any person as Clerk or Register, within twenty days after the election of such Clerk or Register, so that if the election be contested, the party contesting it may communicate to the Governor a written objection within that time to issuing a commission, and if no objection be so communicated within the period aforesaid, the Governor shall commission the person returned to him as elected, or ascertained by him to have been elected, in the case of a second contested election.

Qualifications
of officers

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That each of the officers, whose elections are provided for in this act, shall be citizens of this State, and actual residents for the space of twelve months preceding said election, in the county, city or district, as the case may be, for which they are respectively elected.

Present
incumbents

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the present incumbents shall continue in office until Clerks and Registers are elected under this law, and commissioned and qualified, and that all future incumbents, elected under this act, shall hold their respective offices till their successors shall be commissioned and qualified.

Vacancies—
how filled

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in case of a vacancy in either of said offices, by removal or otherwise, the Governor, in the manner now fixed and established by the constitution of this State, shall appoint a suitable person to fill the place, until the annual election in October, ensuing next thereafter, when said vacancy shall be filled by a new election.

Amendment of
constitution

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if this act shall be confirmed by the next General Assembly of Maryland,