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tion shall be required to make an annual statement of their affairs under the cost. of their president, to be published once a week for four successive weeks, in one or more newspapers in the cities of Cumberland and Baltimore.

SEC. 12. And be it enacted, That this act shall in force. take effect from the date of its passage.

CHAPTER 255.

AN ACT to provide for the taking the sense of Passed March the people upon the expediency of calling a Convention to frame a New Constitution and Form of Government for this State, and to provide for the election of Delegates to said Convention.

WHEREAS, experience has demonstrated the exis- Preamble. tence of many and serious defects in the present Constitution of this State, and it is necessary that the people should have speedy relief from the inconveniences arising therefrom; Therefore,

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for the purpose of ascer-the people to be taken. taining the sense of the people of this State, as to the expediency of calling a convention of Delegates to be elected by the people to frame a new Constitution and Form of Government, it is hereby provided that on the fourth Wednesday of May next, and at the same places where city and county elections are now held by law for the elec-

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