

of the commissioners of lotteries who now receive \$4,000 per annum from the State Treasury."

On motion of Mr. Giles,

The further consideration of the said bill and amendments was suspended for the present, for the purpose of proceeding with the consideration of the bill entitled, an act to provide for taking the vote of the people of this State as to the expediency of calling a convention to reform the present and frame a new constitution, and to amend the constitution so as to enable the Legislature to call such convention.

The question being on the substitute submitted by Mr. Mason.

Mr. Gaither moved to amend said substitute by striking out all after the word "Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland," in the first line of the 1st section and inserting the following:

That the fifty-ninth article of the constitution and form of government, be and the same is hereby repealed and utterly abolished.

Sec 2. And be it enacted, That all such parts of the constitution and form of government of this State, as are inconsistent with this act, be and the same are hereby repealed and annulled; and that if this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly, after a new election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, then this act shall be a part of the constitution and form of government of this State.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the judges of election in all the counties and cities of this State, to procure and keep on the day of the next ensuing October election, an additional ballot box for the purpose hereafter mentioned.

Sec. 4. And be it enacted, That the legally qualified voters of this State, be and they are hereby requested, on the first Wednesday of October next, to express their opinion on the propriety of holding a convention for the purpose of altering and changing the constitution and form of government of this State, in the manner and form as follows: every legally qualified voter to deposite a ballot with the words "for a convention," or "against a convention," written or printed on it, and the judges of election shall receive said ballots and deposite them in the extra ballot box which they are required by the third section of this act to keep, and the name of every person who deposites a ballot in the extra ballot box shall be recorded in the manner that the names of voters are now recorded, for the usual elections.

Sec. 5. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the judges of election, immediately after they have counted the ballots which have been deposed in the ballot box in which the ballots for members of the Legislature have been deposed; to open the box containing the ballots expressive of the people's wishes in regard to a convention, and that they shall count said ballots, and make a return of them to the Governor of this State in the manner and form that they are directed and required by law, to return the result of the usual elections of the State.

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That the Governor shall and he is