

have equal numbers, which proceedings of the electors shall be certified under their hands, and returned to the Chancellor for the time being.'

6. Be it enacted, that the electors of Senate shall judge of the qualifications and elections of members of their body—and on a contested election shall admit to a seat as an elector, such qualified person as shall appear to them to have the greatest number of legal votes in his favor, and that the electors immediately on their meeting, and before they proceed to the election of Senators, take such oath of support and fidelity to this State as the Legislature shall direct.

Mr. Jones moved to fill the blanks in the third section with the word 'third.'

Mr. Schley moved to fill the said blanks with the word 'fourth.'

Mr. Ricaud moved to fill the said blanks with the word 'fifth.'

After some debate Mr. Brown moved to recommit the bill to the committee who reported it, with instructions to amend the bill so as to provide for dividing the State into five districts, four of which to be entitled to elect four Senators each, the other to elect five Senators, no two of whom shall be residents of any one county or city, and to class the Senators so that a portion of them shall go out of office every two years.

The question was put and determined in the negative.

The question was then put upon filling the blanks in the third section, with the word "fifth" and determined in the negative.

The question was then put upon filling the said blanks with the word "fourth" and determined in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Brown,

The third section was amended by striking out the word "before" in the fourth line, and inserting the words "under the direction of."

The question was then put upon striking out the third section and inserting another as proposed by Mr. Ricaud.

The yeas and nays were asked for, and on taking them, they appeared as follows: