

several counties aforesaid, and in the city of Baltimore, for delegates to the General Assembly, for December session, 1838, and in every sixth year thereafter, under the direction of the same judges of election, and in the same manner, an election shall be held in the said counties and city, for three persons of the most wisdom, virtue and experience, and qualified as hereinafter directed, as Senators of the State of Maryland, for the district to which the several counties and city aforesaid, may belong respectively, all of whom shall be residents of the said Senatorial Districts, and of different counties in said district, so that each of the said counties, and the city of Baltimore, shall have at least one Senator and no more, and every person legally qualified to vote for delegates to the General Assembly, shall be of right entitled, to vote for three Senators as aforesaid. And of the persons voted for as Senators in the several Senatorial Districts aforesaid, being qualified as aforesaid, the three, having the highest number of legal votes in the whole Senatorial District, shall be declared and returned as duly elected Senators for said district; and in case two or more persons legally qualified, shall be found on the final casting of the votes given in any of said districts to have an equal number of legal votes, and the election of a Senator or Senators thereby fail, a new election shall be ordered as hereinafter mentioned. And the term of office of said Senators, shall commence on the day fixed by law for the commencement of the annual session of the General Assembly, next succeeding their election, and continue for six years, and until the election of a new senate and the qualification of a quorum of its members: provided that, immediately after the senate shall have convened in pursuance of their election under this Act, two thirds of the whole number being present, the Senators shall be divided by lot, as equally as may be, into three classes, so that not more than one senator from any district shall be included in the same class, and after such classification, the seats of the Senators of the first class, shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year; those of the second class at the expiration of the fourth year; those of the third class at the expiration of the sixth year—whereupon, elections shall be held at the next annual election preceding said vacation, in the several senatorial districts, to supply the va-