

Mr. Tyson, from the minority of the special committee on the Constitutional Convention, submitted the following report:

An Act to provide for taking the sense of the people of Maryland upon the expediency of calling a convention to frame a new Constitution and form of government for the State.

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That on Wednesday, the sixth day of April next, an election shall be held in the several counties of the State and the city of Baltimore, at the places, upon the hours, and, save as hereinafter provided, subject to the laws and regulations governing general elections in this State, and each voter entitled to vote at such election may cast his ballot bearing the words "for a Convention," or, "against a Convention," and the same notice of such election shall be given, that is required by law to be given of an election for delegates to the General Assembly.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That no blank ballot shall be counted at the election herein provided for, and the judges of elections shall not receive any ballot not printed or written on plain white paper.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the several judges of election to receive, accurately to count, and in due form, within three days, to return the number of ballots so cast "for a Convention;" and the number so cast "against a Convention;" and the judges of election in Baltimore city, shall make their returns to the clerk of the Supreme Court of Baltimore city, and the other judges shall make their returns to the clerks of the Circuit Courts for their respective counties. And the several clerks aforesaid shall make return to the Governor within ten days after said election, of the number of ballots given for a convention, and of the number given against a convention in their respective city or county.

SEC. 4. And be it enacted, That so soon as the Governor shall receive the returns as aforesaid, of the number of ballots cast "for" and "against a Convention," it shall be the duty of the Governor to cast up the same, and immediately after so doing he shall issue his proclamation, announcing to the people of the State the number of votes cast "for a Convention," and the number of votes cast "against a Convention;" and the Governor shall communicate to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly at their first session thereafter, when he shall have convened the said General Assembly, or if he shall not convene them in extra session, then at the next regular session of the Legislature, a statement showing the number of votes cast in each county and in the city of Balti-