

receive such salary as may be allowed by law, which shall not be increased or diminished during their continuance in office.

Sec. 2. For the election of the Commissioners of Public Works, the State shall be divided into four districts. The counties of Allegany, Washington, Frederick, Carroll, Baltimore and Harford, shall constitute the first district. The counties of Montgomery, Howard, Anne Arundel, Calvert, St. Mary's, Charles and Prince George's shall constitute the second district. Baltimore city shall constitute the third district. The counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester shall constitute the fourth district. One commissioner shall be elected in each district, who shall have been a resident thereof at least five years next preceding his election.

Sec. 3. The said Commissioners shall be elected by the qualified voters of their districts respectively; the returns of their election shall be certified to the Governor, who shall, by proclamation, declare the result of the election. Two of the said Commissioners, first elected, shall hold their office for four years, and the other two for two years from the first Monday of December next succeeding their election. And at the first meeting after their election, or as soon thereafter as practicable, they shall determine, by lot, who of their number shall hold their offices for four and two years respectively; and thereafter there shall be elected as aforesaid at each general election of Delegates, two Commissioners for the term of four years, to be taken from the districts respectively, wherein the Commissioners resided at the time of their election, whose term of service has expired. And in case of a vacancy in the office of either of said Commissioners, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint some qualified person from the same district, to serve until the next general election of Delegates, when an election shall be held, as aforesaid, for a Commissioner for the residue of said term. And in case of an equal division in the Board of Commissioners, on any subject committed to their charge, the Treasurer of the State shall have power, and shall be called on to decide the same. And in the event of a tie vote for any two of the candidates for the office of Commissioner in the same district, it shall be the duty of the Governor to commission one or the other of the candidates having the equal number of votes. And if the Governor doubt the legality or result of any election held for said Commissioners, it shall be his duty to send the returns of such election to the House of Delegates, who shall judge of the election and qualification of the candidates at such election.

Sec. 4. During the continuance of the lot-

tery system in this State, there shall be elected by the legal and qualified voters of the State at every general election for Delegates to the General Assembly, one Commissioner of Lotteries, who shall hold his office for two years, and till the qualification of his successor, and shall be re-eligible. His whole compensation shall be paid out of the fund raised for the Maryland Consolidated Lottery grants, and shall not exceed the amount of commissions received by one of the present Lottery Commissioners out of said fund; and he shall give such bond for the faithful performance of his duties as is now given by the Lottery Commissioners. The term of the Commissioner who shall be elected at the general election for Delegates next succeeding the adoption of this Constitution, shall commence at the expiration of the commissions of the present Lottery Commissioners, and continue for two years, and till the qualification of his successor.

Sec. 5. From and after the first day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, no lottery scheme shall be drawn for any purpose whatever; nor shall any lottery ticket be sold in this State. And it shall be the duty of the several Commissioners elected under this Constitution to make such contract or contracts as will extinguish all existing lottery grants before the said first day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and also secure to the State a clear yearly revenue equal to the average amount derived by the State from the system for the last five years; but no such contract or contracts shall be valid until approved by the Treasurer and Comptroller.

Sec. 6. There shall be a Commissioner of the Land Office elected by the qualified voters of the State, at the first general election of Delegates to the Assembly after the ratification of this Constitution, who shall hold his office for the term of six years from the first day of January next after his election. The returns of said election shall be made to the Governor, and in the event of a tie between any two or more candidates, the Governor shall direct a new election to be held by writs to the several Sheriffs, who shall hold said election after at least twenty days' notice, exclusive of the day of election. The said Commissioner shall sit as judge of the Land Office, and receive therefor the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, to be paid out of the State Treasury. He shall also perform the duties of the Register of the Land Office, and be entitled to receive therefor the fees now chargeable by said officer; and he shall also perform the duties of Examiner General, and be entitled to receive therefor the fees now chargeable by said officer.

The office of Register of the Land Office and Examiner General, shall be abolished from