

10. That the electors of senators 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 favour.

11. That the electors immediately on their meeting, and before they proceed to the election of senators, take such oath or affirmation, of support and fidelity to this state, as this convention or the legislature shall direct, and an oath or affirmation, "to elect, without favour, affection, partiality, or prejudice, such persons for senators as they, in their judgment and conscience, believe best qualified for the office."

12. That the three branches of legislature meet annually, on the first Monday of November, or oftener if necessary.

13. That in case of refusal, death, resignation, disqualification, or removal out of this state, of any senator, or on his becoming governor, or a member of the council, the senate shall immediately thereupon, or at their next meeting thereafter, elect by ballot, in the same manner as the electors are above directed to chuse senators, another person in his place, for the residue of the said term of seven years.

14. That on the death, disqualification, resignation, or removal out of this state, of any delegate, or on his becoming governor, or a member of the council, a warrant of election shall issue by the speaker, for the election of another in his place, of which ten days notice, excluding the day of notice and the day of election, shall be given.

15. That not less than a majority of the delegates, with their speaker, (to be chosen by them by ballot) constitute an house for the transacting any business, other than that of adjourning.

16. That not less than a majority of the senate, with their president, (to be chosen by them by ballot) constitute an house for the transacting any business, other than that of adjourning.

17. That each house shall appoint its own officers, and settle its own rules of proceeding.

18. That a person of wisdom, experience, and virtue, shall be chosen governor, on the second Monday of November 1777, and on the second Monday in every year for ever thereafter, by the joint ballot of both houses, to be taken in each house respectively, deposited in a conference room, the boxes to be examined by a joint committee of both houses, and the numbers severally reported, that the appointments
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