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XVI.
When election
is to be made,
&c.

III. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the election of representatives for the state to serve in the congress of the United States, shall be made by the citizens of this state qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, on the first Monday of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, and on the same day in every second year for ever thereafter; at the places in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, and in the several counties of this state, prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state for the election of delegates to the house of delegates; of which elections notice shall be given by the sheriffs of the respective counties, and the judges of the election for the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, in like manner as for the election of delegates to the house of delegates; and all and every officer and person, whose duty it is or may be to attend, conduct and regulate, according to the constitution of this state, the general election to be held on the first Monday of October yearly, for delegates to the general assembly, are hereby authorized, enjoined and required, to attend, conduct and regulate, the elections herein directed to be held for the purposes aforesaid, in like manner, and within the same space of time, as is, by the constitution of this state, directed for holding the said general election of delegates; and the several powers and authorities to them given by the said constitution, relating to the election of delegates to the general assembly, are hereby vested in the said officers respectively, for the purpose of holding and conducting the said elections to be held in pursuance of the constitution of the United States and this act.

See the act of 1798, ch. 115, confirmed by 1799, ch. 48, which alter the constitution, and the act of 1799, ch. 50, to regulate elections.

By whom elec-
tors are to be
chosen, &c.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the election of electors, for the purpose of choosing the president and vice-president of the United States, shall be made by the citizens of this state, qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, in every fourth year for ever after the expiration of the term for which the president and vice-president hath been chosen, on such day as the congress of the United States shall hereafter, from time to time, determine and appoint, at the places above described for choosing delegates.

By April, 1792, ch. 5, the elections were directed to be held on the second Wednesday in November then next, and in every fourth year thereafter.

By 1795, ch. 73, the state is divided into ten districts, in each of which one elector is to be chosen. The elections to be held on the second Wednesday in November then next, 1796, and on the second Wednesday in November in every fourth year, and at such other times as the governor and council shall direct, in case the office of president and vice-president shall become vacant.

Oath of judge.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every judge of an election to be held in pursuance of this act, before he proceeds to take or receive any vote, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will permit all persons to vote who shall offer to poll at the election now to be held in _____ county, the city of Annapolis or Baltimore-town, who in my judgment shall, according to the directions contained in the constitution of the United States of America, ratified in convention of the delegates of Maryland on the twenty-eighth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, be entitled to poll at the same election; and that I will attend at the polls during the said election, unless in case of sickness, and that I will not admit any person to poll at the same election, if such person shall not, in my judgment, be qualified to vote as aforesaid, and that I will in all things execute the office of judge of the said election according to the best of my knowledge, without favour or partiality; so help me God."

See the note under section 3, and see 1799, ch. 50, section 9.

Oath of clerk.

VI. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every clerk, before he enter any vote on the polls, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will well and faithfully, without favour, affection or partiality, execute the office of clerk of the election to be held in _____ county, the city of Annapolis or Baltimore-town, according to the best of my knowledge; so help me God."

See the note under section 5.

Persons to vote
for eight elec-
tors, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person entitled and offering to vote for electors of president and vice-president, agreeably to the directions of this act, and the constitution of the state of Maryland, shall have a right to vote for eight persons, five of whom shall be residents of the western shore, and three of the eastern shore, and the five persons, residents of the western shore, having the greatest number of votes of all the candidates on that shore, and the three persons, residents of the eastern shore, having the greatest number of votes of all the candidates on that shore, shall be declared to be duly elected.

See the note under section 4.

And one repre-
sentative, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every person entitled and offering to vote for representatives for this state in the congress of the United States, shall have a right to vote for one person, being a resident