

II. Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That special elections shall be held in Cecil county in manner and form following, that is to say; the first election to be held at the court-house in said county on the last Monday and Tuesday in February next, of which ten days notice by advertisement shall be given at the court-house, churches, meetings, and other public places in the county, by the sheriffs and constables of the said county; the second election to be held at the Head of Elk, in said county, on the Wednesday and Thursday following; and that the third election shall be held at Charles-town on the Friday and Saturday following.

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Manner in which special elections are to be held, &c.

III. And be it enacted, That John Stockton, Thomas May, and David Smith, shall be, and they are hereby, authorised and empowered, or any one or more of them, to act as a judge or judges for holding the elections aforesaid, and shall attend the same on the several days by this law directed, unless prevented by sickness or other unavoidable accident, and shall and may receive the votes of every the free male inhabitants, residents in said county, qualified to vote for delegates for said county, at any one of the places by this act appointed for the receiving of the same, provided that no voter shall give his suffrage at more than one of the places for holding the elections aforesaid.

Judges appointed, &c.

IV. And be it enacted, That the said judges, or any two of them, are hereby authorised to appoint one or more clerks, to take the votes aforesaid, agreeable to the directions of this act; who shall, before he or they enter upon the execution of the same, take the following oath or affirmation (as the case may be) to wit: "I, do declare, that I will well and faithfully, without favour, affection, or partiality, execute the office of clerk of the elections, according to the best of my knowledge. So help me God."

Who may appoint clerks. &c.

V. And be it enacted, That each judge by this act appointed shall, before he acts as such, 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 do so, at the elections by this act directed, who in my judgment shall, according to law, be entitled to vote at the same elections; and that I will not admit any person to vote at the same elections, who before his voting there may be objections made against, if such person is not in my judgment qualified to vote as aforesaid; and will in all things execute the office of judge of the said elections, according to the best of my knowledge, without favour or partiality. So help me God."

Their oath.

VI. And be it enacted, That the judges aforesaid, or any one or more of them, are hereby directed, that at the close of every and each of the said three elections, to cause their clerk or clerks to cast up the number of votes which have at each distinct place been given in to the judges or clerks aforesaid, and after a full examination of the same, shall be signed by any or either of the judges holding the said election, and cause the same to be immediately thereafter published; and at the conclusion of all the said elections, the judges aforesaid shall also publish the number of votes taken as aforesaid, specifying the place where the several votes express the voters judgment, whereby the sense of the people will be ascertained.

Their duty.