

II. BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That in all criminal causes to be brought to trial in the several courts of this state, in which a jury shall be necessary according to the constitution and the laws, (except in prosecutions for capital felonies or treasons, wherein the right of peremptory challenges is already allowed,) twenty persons from the pannel of petit jurors shall be drawn, by ballot, by the clerks, under the direction of the respective courts, and the names of the twenty persons shall be written upon two lists, and one of the said lists shall be forthwith delivered to the party indicted, or his or her counsel, and the other to the attorney prosecuting in behalf of the state; and it shall and may be lawful for the party indicted, or his or her counsel, and for the attorney prosecuting in behalf of the state, to strike out four persons from each respective list, and the remaining twelve persons shall thereupon be immediately impannelled and sworn as the petit jury in such prosecution; and if the party indicted, or his or her counsel, or the attorney prosecuting in behalf of the state, shall decline or refuse to strike out from such respective lists the number of persons hereby allowed, it shall and may be lawful for the several courts aforesaid to direct their clerks to strike out from the list of the party, or the attorney so declining or refusing, the number of persons herein before mentioned, and the remaining twelve persons shall be impannelled and sworn as aforesaid; provided nevertheless, that nothing herein contained shall be deemed or construed to take away the right of any person or persons to challenge the array or polls of any pannel returned, or any particular juror, for just cause, in the manner always allowed by the law of this state; and provided also, that by mutual consent the drawing of a pannel of twenty jurors may be dispensed with in any prosecution, and the trial thereof may be had by a petit jury drawn as heretofore; and if by reason of lawful challenges, or the absence of jurors, the number of twenty persons shall not remain to be drawn, the several courts aforesaid shall direct so many of the by-standers to be summoned by the respective sheriffs as shall be necessary to complete the lists herein before directed to be written and delivered as aforesaid.

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An ACT to provide for the elections of representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, and of electors on the part of this state for choosing a president and vice-president of the United States.

Passed 8th of
January, 1803.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That for the purpose of electing nine representatives of this state in the congress of the United States, this state shall be and the same is hereby divided into eight districts, which shall be numbered from one to eight, to wit: Saint-Mary's, Charles and Calvert counties, shall be the first; Prince-George's and Anne-Arundel counties, including the city of Annapolis, the second; Montgomery county, and that part of Frederick county adjacent, as far as Monocacy, from the mouth thereof to the Pennsylvania line, the third; the remainder of Frederick county, Washington and Allegany counties, the fourth; Baltimore-town and Baltimore county shall be the fifth; Harford, Cæcil and Kent counties, the sixth; Queen-Anne's, Caroline and Talbot, the seventh; and Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties, shall be the eighth district; and that each of the said districts shall be entitled to one representative to congress, except the fifth district, which district shall be entitled to two representatives, one of which shall be a resident of Baltimore county, and the other a resident of Baltimore city.

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II. AND BE IT ENACTED, That for the purpose of choosing eleven electors of the president and vice-president of the United States, this state shall be and the same is hereby divided into nine districts, which shall be numbered from one to nine in manner following, to wit: Saint-Mary's county, Charles county, and the fifth election district of Prince-George's county, or the Piscataway district, shall compose the first district; the residue of Prince-George's county, Calvert county, and the second and fifth election districts in Montgomery county, called the Montgomery Court-house Election District, and Thomas's Election District, shall compose the second district; the remainder of Montgomery county, Anne-Arundel county, and the city of Annapolis and city of Baltimore, shall compose the third district; Frederick county, Washington county and Allegany county, shall compose the fourth district; Baltimore county shall compose the fifth district; Harford county and Cæcil county shall compose the sixth district; Kent county and Queen-Anne's county shall compose the seventh district; Talbot county, Caroline county, and the first election district of Dorchester county, shall compose the eighth district; and the remainder of Dorchester county, Somerset county and Worcester county, shall compose the ninth district; and each of the said districts shall elect and appoint one person, being a resident of the said district, except the third and fourth districts, which shall

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