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this state from receiving an assignment of, and bringing suit on, any cause of action assigned to such sheriff or coroner under and in virtue of an act which passed in the year seventeen hundred and sixty-eight, entitled, An act for the recovery of certain amerciaments, and also upon defaults on executions, and recovering the money due thereon, agreeably to the provisions of said act; and provided, that any sheriff or coroner of this state shall also be entitled to all the benefits and advantages reserved to such sheriff or coroner under and in virtue of the act which passed in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-four, entitled, An act for the amendment of the law in certain cases, any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Passed 28th of
January, 1806.

An additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof.

WHEREAS it is represented to this general assembly, by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, that certain alterations in the charter of that city would be productive of considerable advantage, and they having prayed that the following amendments may be made thereto; and the same appearing reasonable, therefore,

II. BE IT ENACTED, *by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the mode of voting at the city elections shall hereafter be by ballot, in the same manner as delegates to the general assembly now are elected, and that such elections shall commence and close at the same times of the day as other elections do now open and close.

III. AND, whereas by the act of incorporation of said city, the corporation are to provide for the safe keeping and preservation of the standard of weights and measures fixed by congress, and for the regulating thereby all weights and measures used within the city and precincts, and in as much as congress have not yet fixed any standard of weights and measures, and as much fraud and imposition may be practised from a want of such standard, BE IT ENACTED, That the mayor and city council shall have and exercise the right of regulating all weights and measures within the city, and precincts aforesaid, by the present standard, until one shall be determined on by congress.

IV. AND BE IT ENACTED, That this act shall take effect and be in force on and after the first day of February next.

V. AND BE IT ENACTED, That all and every provision of the act to which this is a supplement, that is inconsistent with this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

VI. AND, whereas by the act to erect Baltimore-town, in Baltimore county, into a city, and to incorporate the inhabitants thereof, certain principles have been established, which are found injurious and inconvenient in their practical operation upon the police and municipal regulations of the said city, therefore this legislature, willing to remove such obstructions to the advancement of the general welfare, by enlarging the range of selection, without impairing the public security, and by giving more full and complete effect to the elective franchise in the choice of the constituted authorities of the said city, ordain and establish the following amendments and alterations, as calculated to remedy the inconveniencies which are now experienced; therefore, BE IT ENACTED, That on the first Monday in October, eighteen hundred and seven, and on the first Monday in October in every year thereafter, the mayor shall be elected by a plurality of all the ballots given in by the voters qualified to vote in the respective wards of the said city for delegates to the general assembly, and the judges of the said election in the several wards shall conduct the same in the manner and form prescribed by the act to regulate elections, passed at the present session of the legislature, and shall make return, under their hands and seals, of the person so elected mayor, and lodge the said return with the register of the city, and in case two or more persons shall have an equal number of ballots for the office of mayor, the said judges shall determine by lot, before they separate, which of the said persons, so having an equal number of ballots, shall be appointed to the office of mayor, and shall make their return accordingly.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the mayor shall not continue in office more than five years successively, nor be eligible as mayor until the expiration of three years after he shall have been out of office; and in case of vacancy, by the death, resignation, disqualification or removal, of the said mayor, the members of the first and second branch of the city council shall immediately convene,