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Precincts to be
laid off into
wards.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall cause the precincts of the said city, and that part of Baltimore county which is by this act annexed thereto, forthwith to be divided and laid off into such numbers of new wards as to give to each, as nearly as may be, the same number of inhabitants with the present wards respectively, and such division shall from time to time alter and correct as is provided by law in relation to the present wards; and that for each new ward there shall be two members of the first branch of the city council, and one member of the second branch, which shall be increased in number accordingly, and one elector of mayor; all of whom shall be elected at the same time, and in the same manner, with the electors and members elected by the present wards, and the like qualification of the voters and persons elected.

City to be di-
vided into
eight election
districts.

5. *And be it enacted,* That all inhabitants of the precincts and territory by this act annexed to the city of Baltimore, being qualified for members of the house of delegates of this state, electors of the senate of this state, and electors of the president and vice president of the United States respectively, shall vote in all elections of members of the house of delegates of this state, electors of the senate of this state, sheriff of Baltimore county, and elector of the president and vice president of the United States, for the city of Baltimore, and as part thereof, and not otherwise; and that for the purpose of holding such elections in the said city as hereby enlarged, the same shall be forthwith divided into eight election districts, pursuant to the act, entitled, An act to alter and abolish and repeal, certain parts of the constitution and form of government of this state as are therein mentioned; for the making of which division the mayor and city council of Baltimore shall forthwith appoint five commissioners, two of whom at least shall be taken from the additions to the said city made by this act, and who shall forthwith proceed in such manner, and under such regulations, as the said mayor and city council shall prescribe, to lay off and establish the said eight election districts, and to fix and establish the places of holding elections therein respectively; and all such elections shall be held at the said places in the manner, and subject to the rules, regulations and provisions, heretofore made by law concerning elections in the city of Baltimore, except so far as they are hereby altered.

New wards
subject to the
authority of
the mayor and
city council.

Proviso.

6. *And be it enacted,* That the said new wards to be laid off by virtue of this act, shall in all respects, and to all intents and purposes, be subject to the powers, jurisdiction and authority, vested, or to be vested, by law, in the mayor and city council of Baltimore, and in the corporation of the said city, and shall be in all respects taken and considered as parts of the said city and corporation; *Provided nevertheless,* that no part of the city tax of two dollars in the hundred pounds shall be imposed on any real or personal property within any of the said wards, until there shall be at least five dwelling houses on each acre of land; that is to say, that each acre of such land, and the property thereon, shall be wholly exempted from the said tax till there shall be erected on such acre five dwelling houses, nor shall any tax for the making or repairing of the public roads or bridges