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Six districts.

late to the division of Somerset county into election districts, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

2. *And be it enacted,* That Somerset county shall be divided, and laid off into six separate election districts, whereof the present district, called and known, as number one, or the upper district, shall be divided into three separate election districts; and the present district called and known, as number two, or the middle district, shall be divided into two separate election districts; the new district to be made convenient to the votes of Dames Quarter, and the isles adjacent, and the present district called, and known, as number three, or the lower district shall be and remain as it now is.

Commissioners to lay off.

3. *And be it enacted,* That in case this act shall be confirmed, as required by the constitution, the levy court of Somerset county are hereby authorized, and directed to appoint commissioners, who, or a majority of them, or in case of death, a majority of those surviving, are hereby authorized and empowered to lay off the said county into six separate election districts, as is provided for by this act, and to select and appoint a suitable place for holding the elections in each of the said districts, having due regard to population, extent of territory, and the convenience of voters.

Proceedings directed.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners appointed by virtue of this act, shall meet at the town of Princess Ann, on the first Monday of May next succeeding the confirmation of this act, as required by the constitution, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; and the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, until they shall have performed and completed the duties required of them by this act; and the said commissioners are hereby required, on or before the first day of July next, after their meeting as aforesaid, to make out and deliver to the clerk of the county aforesaid, a plain and accurate description in writing, of the limits, boundaries and designations of each district so laid off, with plats thereof, if they shall deem them to be necessary, certified under their hands and seals; and the said clerks shall make a fair record of the same, amongst the records of the county aforesaid.

Surveyors &c.

5. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners, after the confirmation of this act, if they shall deem it necessary to a due performance of the duties required of them by this act, may employ a surveyor, and chain carriers, who shall be allowed, and paid a reasonable compensation for their services and time employed and expended in the execution of such duties as may be required of them by the said commissioners.

Boundaries to be published, &c.

6. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the clerk of the county aforesaid, to furnish the sheriff with two copies of the limits, boundaries and designations, of the several districts as ascertained and described by the said commissioners, whose duty it shall be to keep one in his possession, and to set up one copy at the door of the court house in the county aforesaid; and to cause the said description in writing without the plats, if such should be deemed necessary, to be published four weeks successively, prior to the next election, after the confirmation aforesaid, in each of the public papers printed at Easton.