

States be requested to propose the following amendment to the constitution of the United States, and have transmitted the same for consideration to this legislature, to wit: "That for the purpose of choosing representatives in the congress of the United States, each state shall by its legislature be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of representatives to which such state may be entitled. That those districts shall be formed of contiguous territory and contain as nearly as may be an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the constitution to be represented. In each district the qualified voters shall elect one representative and no more. That for the purpose of appointing electors of president and vice president of the United States, each state shall, by its legislature, be divided into a number of districts equal to the number of electors to which such state shall be entitled. Those districts shall be composed of contiguous territory and contain as nearly as may be, an equal number of inhabitants entitled by the constitution to representation. In each district the persons qualified to vote for representatives shall appoint one elector and no more. The electors, when convened, shall have power, in case any of those appointed as above prescribed, shall fail to attend for the purposes of their said appointment, on the day prescribed for giving their votes for president and vice president of the United States, to appoint another or others to act in the place of him or them so failing to attend. Neither the districts for choosing representatives nor those for appointing electors shall be altered in any state, until a census and apportionment of representatives under it made, subsequent to the division of the state into districts, shall change the number of representatives and of electors to which such state may be entitled. The division of states into districts hereby provided for, shall take place immediately after this amendment shall be adopted and ratified as a part of the constitution of the United States; and successively afterwards, whenever by a census and apportionment of representatives under it, the number of representatives and of electors to which any state may be entitled, shall be changed. The division of such state into districts for the purposes both of choosing representatives and of appointing electors shall be altered agreeable to the provisions of this amendment and on no other occasion."

*Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* that the senators and representatives of this state in congress be requested to endeavor to procure the aforesaid proposition of amendment to the constitution of the United States to be submitted to the several states for adoption, in the manner prescribed by that instrument.

*Resolved,* That the governor of this state be requested to forward a copy of those resolutions to each of our senators and representatives in congress; and also to the executives of the several states, accompanied with a request that the same may be laid before their respective legislatures.

By order

THOS. ROGERS, Clk.

The bill entitled, an act appointing James Rea trustee and authorising him to sell certain real property therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act declaring the continuation and extension of the charters of the several banks therein mentioned, was read the second time, passed with an amendment and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. N. Williams, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act for the relief of sundry poor out pensioners. Ordered, that Messrs N. Williams, Holbrook and Kent be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. N. Williams from the committee delivers the said bill. Which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Ebenezer Fruit, of Worcester county. The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Rachel Deale, of Anne Arundel county. The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of David Cahoon, of Frederick county. The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Casson Fountain, of Caroline county. The bill entitled, an act for the maintenance of Martha Scantlin, of Baltimore county. The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Benedict Foster, of Baltimore county. The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Sadrack Pepton. The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Susannah Highfield. The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Catharine Joy and Elizabeth M. Mullin, for the use of her son Charles C. Collins. The bill entitled, an act for the relief of Sarah Thompson; and the bill entitled, an act to authorise Hannah A. Hayes, guardian of the minor children of Stephen Hayes, late of Cecil county, deceased, to sell and convey all the right, title and interest of the said minor children in certain real and personal estate therein mentioned, were severally read the second time and will not pass; sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

On motion of Mr. N. Williams, leave given to bring in a bill entitled, an act to authorise the sheriffs and collectors of the several counties of this state to complete their collections, and for other purposes. Ordered, that Messrs. N. Williams, Fenwick and Kent be a committee to prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. N. Williams from the committee delivers the said bill. Which was read the first and second time by special order, passed and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act authorising Enoch Coombs, late sheriff of Saint Mary's county to complete his collections. The bill entitled, an act authorising Robert Welch, (of Ben.) collector of Anne Arundel county, to complete his collections. The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Thomas W. Griffith, late collector of Baltimore county. The bill entitled, an act respecting the register of wills for Saint Mary's county. The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of Robert Gorsuch, late collector of Baltimore county. The bill entitled, an act authorising Thomas Stevens, late sheriff of Talbot county, to complete his collections. The bill entitled, an act authorising William Waller, late sheriff of Somerset county, to complete his collections; and the bill entitled, an act authorising Solomon Groves, late sheriff of Anne Arundel county to complete his collections, were severally read the second time and will not pass; sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The bill entitled, an act for the benefit of the infant children of Jeremiah Crabb, late of Montgomery county, was read the second time, passed with sundry amendments and sent to the house of delegates by the clerk.

The president laid before the senate a letter from James Carroll, treasurer of the Baltimore and Reister's town turnpike road company, accompanied by a transcript from the accounts of said company.