

tors and Representatives in Congress, with a request that they be brought fully to the consideration of that body.

Each State, as the Legislature thereof may direct, shall be divided into as many districts, to be composed of contiguous and conterminous territory, as may be equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives, to which it may be entitled in the Congress of the United States; which shall be arranged immediately after the adoption of this amendment, and shall not be altered or changed, but at the Session of the Legislature, which may be commenced and held immediately after the appointment of Members, once in ten years, to be made by Congress.

The persons qualified in the respective States to vote for the most numerous branch of the Legislature, within the same week, throughout the United States, and in their respective States, shall meet and vote for a President and Vice-President; one of whom shall not be an inhabitant of the same State with themselves, designating the person voted for as President and the person voted for as Vice-President; the person in said district who may have the highest number of votes as President, shall be holden to have received one vote; and the person having the greatest number of votes for Vice-President, shall be holden to have received one vote in said district; which fact, by the proper returning officers, shall be immediately returned to the Governor of the State; and so soon as the reports from each of said districts, shall be received, statements by the Governor shall be made out, certified and forwarded under the seal of the State, to the President of the Senate, who, with a Committee of one from each State, to be previously chosen from the Senate, and by the Senate, shall attend at the City of Washington, and who, at the Senate Chamber, at such time as may be by law prescribed, and in presence of said Committee, or a majority of them, shall open and count the certificates. Said Senators shall, when practicable, be the bearers of the certificates from their respective States—and duplicate certificates shall be also forwarded by mail, to the President of the Senate. The person having the highest number of votes for President, shall be President, *provided*, such number be a majority of the whole number of votes given for President; and if no person have such majority, then the President of the Senate, and the Committee of the Senate, shall certify the same to the Governors of the several States, and by their Proclamation, forthwith to be issued, announce the two highest on the list, and the three highest on the list; when two next the highest shall have an equal number of votes, requiring, at some time, within one hundred days, the people entitled to vote, to meet in their respective States, and vote as before, which of said two or three highest, (as the case may be,) shall be the President; which said vote shall be counted and certified as herein before declared, to the