

the bill insert the words "except school houses and lots."

At the end of the bill add:

And be it enacted, That between the first and tenth days of September next, the commissioners of Baltimore county shall give notice in at least three of the newspapers published in the city of Baltimore, and also by advertisement set up in six or more places in the first election district of said county, that on the first Monday of October next, each citizen of said district qualified to vote for delegates to the general assembly of Maryland, shall be at liberty to give his assent or dissent to the adoption of this act, for which purpose he may give in his assent by means of a ballot marked, yes: or his dissent by means of a ballot marked no; which said ballots shall be deposited in a ballot box provided for that purpose at the place of election, and counted and summed up by the judges of elections in said district—and if it should appear that a majority of the whole number of ballots taken express an assent to the adoption of this act, that then the said judges of election shall certify the said fact and therewith furnish a statement of the number of ballots expressing dissent as well as assent to the commissioners of Baltimore county, and the said certificate and statement of the said ballots shall thereupon be published by the commissioners aforesaid, and at the same time they shall issue their declaration, setting forth that this act is in force, otherwise upon its appearing that this act was not adopted by a majority as aforesaid, this act shall be inoperative and void.

And be it enacted, That all charges and expenses that may be incurred in and by virtue of this act by the said commissioners of Baltimore county in executing the same, shall be levied and assessed in and upon the assessable property of said first election district, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

The bill was then ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

The clerk of the house of delegates delivered the following message: