

Sec. 26th. Each House may punish by imprisonment during the session of the General Assembly any person not a member, for disrespectful or disorderly behaviour in its presence, or for obstructing any of its proceedings or any of its officers, in the execution of their duties; provided, such imprisonment shall not at any one time exceed ten days.

Sec. 27th. The members of each House shall in all cases, except treason, felony or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the sessions of the General Assembly, and in going to and returning from the same, allowing one day for every thirty miles such member may reside from the place at which the General Assembly is convened.

Sec. 28th. No senator or delegate shall be liable in any civil action or criminal prosecution whatever for words spoken in debate.

Sec. 29th. The House of Delegates may inquire on the oath of witnesses into all complaints, grievances and offences, as the grand inquest of the State, and may commit any person for any crime to the public jail, there to remain until discharged by due course of law—they may examine and pass all accounts of the State, relating either to the collection or expenditure of the revenue, or appoint auditors to state and adjust the same,—they may call for all public or official papers and records, and send for persons whom they may judge necessary in the course of their enquiries concerning affairs relating to the public interest, and may direct all office bonds, which shall be made payable to the State, to be sued for any breach of duty.

Sec. 30th, In case of the death, disqualification, refusal to act, expulsion or removal from the county or district for which he shall have been elected, if any person shall have been chosen as a Delegate or Senator, or in case of a tie between two or more qualified persons, a warrant of election shall be issued by the Governor, or person exercising the functions of Governor for the time being, for the election of a Senator or Delegate as the may be, to supply the vacancy, of which not less than ten days notice, exclusive of the day of notice and day of election shall be given; provided however, that unless a meeting of the General Assembly may intervene, or the vacancy shall occur during the session of the General Assembly, the election to fill the same shall take place on the day of the ensuing general election.

Sec. 31st. The senators and delegates shall receive such compensation for their services as may be allowed by law; but no law increasing or diminishing the compensation shall be made to take effect until after the general elections next ensuing the passage thereof. No book or other printed matter not appertaining to the business of the session shall be subscribed for for the use of the members, or be distributed among them.

Sec. 32nd. No law passed by the General Assembly shall take effect until the expiration of _____ days, from the closing of the sessions at which it may be passed, unless it be expressly de-