

hundred and thirty seven, the city of Annapolis shall be deemed and taken as part of Anne Arundel County.

Sec. 12. The General Assembly shall have power from time to time to regulate all matters relating to the judges, time, place and manner of holding elections for Senators and delegates, and of making returns thereof, and to divide the several counties into election districts, for the more convenient holding of elections, not affecting their terms or tenure of office.

Sec. 13. So much of the Constitution and form of government, as relates to the council, to the Governor, and to the clerk of the Council, be abrogated, abolished and annulled, and that the whole Executive power of the Government of this State, shall be vested exclusively in the Governor; Subject nevertheless, to the checks, limitations and provisions hereinafter specified and mentioned.

Sec. 14. The Governor shall nominate, and by and with the advise and consent of the Senate, shall appoint all officers of the State whose offices are or may be created by law, and whose appointment shall not be otherwise provided for by the Constitution and form of government, or by any laws consistent with the Constitution and form of Government Provided that this act shall not be deemed or construed to impair in any manner, the validity of the commissions of such persons as shall be in office under previous executive appointment when this act shall go into operation, or to alter, abridge, or change the tenure, quality or duration of the same, or of any of them.

Sec. 15. The Governor shall have power to fill any vacancy that may occur in any such offices during the recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions

which shall expire upon the appointment of the same person, or any other person, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to the same office, or at the expiration of one calendar month, ensuing the commencement of the next regular session of the Senate whichever shall first occur.

Sec. 16. The same person shall in no case be nominated by the Governor a second time during the same Session, for the same office, in case he shall have been rejected by the Senate, unless after such rejection, the Senate shall inform the Governor by message, of their willingness to receive again the nomination of such rejected person, for further consideration, and in case any person nominated by the Governor for any office, shall have been rejected by the Senate, it shall not be lawful for the Governor at any time afterwards, during the recess of the Senate, in case of vacancy in the same office to appoint such rejected person to fill said vacancy.

Sec. 17. It shall be the duty of the Governor within the period of one calendar month next after this act shall go into operation, and in the Same Session in which the same shall be confirmed, if it be confirmed, and annually thereafter during the regular Session of the Senate, and on such particular day, if any, or within such particular period as may be prescribed by law, to nominate and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a Secretary of State, who shall hold his office until a successor shall be appointed, and who shall discharge such duties, and receive such compensation, as shall be prescribed by law.

Sec. 18. In case a vacancy shall occur in the office of Governor at any time after this act shall go into operation the General Assembly, if in Session, or, if in