

creet of the people, residents in the county where they are to be chosen one whole year next preceding the election, above twenty-one years of age.

The election districts undergo continual legislative change. Few counties retain the original location. The limits of each district are known to the citizens thereof. To gratify the curious a tabular statement of the number of election districts in each county is added below. Allegany county has 10 districts; Anne Arundel county has 7 districts; Baltimore city has 12 wards; Baltimore county has 13 districts; Calvert county has 3 districts; Caroline county has 3 districts; Carroll county has 9 districts; Cecil county has 4 districts; Charles county has 4 districts; Dorchester county has 8 districts; Frederick county has 14 districts; Harford county has 5 districts; Kent county has 3 districts; Montgomery county has 5 districts; Prince George's county has 6 districts; Queen Anne's county has 5 districts; Saint Mary's county has 5 districts; Somerset county has 11 districts; Talbot county has 4 districts; Washington county has 8 districts; Worcester county has 7 districts.

Election of delegates until 1840.

Five from city of Baltimore.

Five delegates from. Four delegates from.

Three delegates from.

Ratio of delegates after census of 1840.

Ratio of delegates.

1836, *ch.* 197.—SEC. 9. That at the election for delegates to the general assembly, for the December session of the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and at each succeeding election for delegates, until after the next census shall have been taken and officially promulged, five delegates shall be elected in and for Baltimore city, and one delegate in and for the city of Annapolis, until the promulging of the census for the year eighteen hundred and forty, when the city of Annapolis shall be deemed and taken as a part of Anne Arundel county, and her right to a separate delegation shall cease; five delegates in and for Baltimore county; five delegates in and for Frederick county, and four delegates in and for Anne Arundel county, and four delegates in and for each of the several counties respectively, herein after mentioned, to wit: Dorchester, Somerset, Worcester, Prince George's, Harford, Montgomery, Carroll and Washington; and three delegates in and for each of the several counties respectively, herein after next mentioned, to wit: Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Saint Mary's, Charles, Calvert and Allegany.

SEC. 10. That from and after the period when the next census shall have been taken and officially promulged, and from and after the official promulgation of every second census thereafter, the representation in the house of delegates from the several counties and from the city of Baltimore, shall be graduated and established on the following basis, that is to say, every county which shall have by the said census, a population of less than fifteen thousand souls, federal numbers, shall be entitled to elect three delegates; every county having a population by the said census of fifteen thousand souls, and less than twenty-five thousand souls, federal numbers, shall be entitled to elect four delegates; and every county having by the said census a population of twenty-five thousand, and