

CHAPTER 280.

AN ACT to divide the State into six Congressional Districts. Passed May 26, 1853.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the choosing of the six representatives in the Congress of the United States, this State shall be and it is hereby divided into six districts, which shall be numbered from one to six, that Worcester county, Somerset county, Dorchester county, Talbot county, Caroline county and Queen Anne's county, shall compose the first congressional district, and shall be entitled to choose one representative; that Kent county, Cecil county, Harford county, the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh districts of Baltimore county and Carroll county, shall compose the second congressional district, and shall be entitled to choose one representative; that the first eight wards of Baltimore city, or all the wards on the east side of Jones' Falls, with the eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth districts of Baltimore county, shall compose the third congressional district, and shall be entitled to choose one representative; that the wards of Baltimore city, from ninth to twentieth inclusive, or all those wards on the west side of Jones' Falls, shall compose the fourth congressional district, and shall be entitled to choose one representative; that Frederick county, Washington county and Allegany county, shall compose the fifth congressional district, and shall be entitled to choose one representative; that Howard county, Montgomery county, Prince George's county, Charles county, Saint Mary's county, Calvert county and Anne Arundel county, with the city of Annapolis, shall compose the sixth congressional district, and shall be entitled to choose one representative.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the returning judges of the elections for representatives to Congress of the first seven districts of Baltimore county, shall make a return separate from the return to be made by the returning judges of the remaining five districts, and the returning judges of the first eight wards of the city of Baltimore shall make a return separate from the return to be made by the judges of the remaining twelve wards.