

§ 7. The house of representatives shall choose its speaker and other officers.

§ 8. Every free white male citizen, of the age of twenty-one years, who has resided in the state two years, or in the county, town, or city, in which he offers to vote, one year next preceding the election, shall be a voter; but such voter shall have been, for sixty days next preceding the election, a resident of the precinct in which he offers to vote, and he shall vote in said precinct, and not elsewhere.

§ 9. Voters, in all cases except treason, felony, breach, or surety of the peace, shall be privileged from arrest during their attendance at, going to, and returning from elections.

§ 10. Senators shall be chosen for the term of four years, and the senate shall have power to choose its officers biennially.

§ 11. Senators and representatives shall be elected, under the first apportionment after the adoption of this constitution, in the year 1851.

§ 12. At the session of the general assembly next after the first apportionment under this constitution, the senators shall be divided by lot, as equally as may be, into two classes; the seats of the first class shall be vacated at the end of two years from the day of the election, and those of the second class at the end of four years, so that one-half shall be chosen every two years.

§ 13. The number of representatives shall be one hundred, and the number of senators thirty-eight.

§ 14. At every apportionment of representation, the state shall be laid off into thirty-eight senatorial districts, which shall be so formed as to contain, as near as may be, an equal number of qualified voters, and so that no county shall be divided in the formation of a senatorial district, except such county shall be entitled, under the enumeration, to two or more senators; and where two or more counties compose a district they shall be adjoining.

§ 15. One senator for each district shall be elected by the qualified voters therein, who shall vote in the precincts where they reside, at the places where elections are by law directed to be held.

§ 16. No person shall be a senator who, at the time of his election, is not a citizen of the United States; has not attained the age of thirty years, and who has not resided in this state six years next preceding his election, and the last year thereof in the district for which he may be chosen.

§ 17. The election for senators, next after the first apportionment under this constitution, shall be general throughout the state, and at the same time that the election for representatives is held, and thereafter, there shall be a biennial election for senators to fill the places of those whose term of service may have expired.

§ 18. The general assembly shall convene on the first Monday in November, after the adoption of this constitution, and again on the first Monday in November, 1851, and on the same day of every second year thereafter, unless a different day be appointed by law, and their sessions shall be held at the seat of government.

§ 19. Not less than a majority of the members of each house of the general assembly shall constitute a quorum to do business,