

a quorum for doing business : but when less than two-thirds of the house of representatives elected shall be present, the assent of two-thirds of those members shall be necessary to render their acts and proceedings valid.

No member of the house of representatives or senate shall be arrested or held to bail, on mesne process, during his going to, return from, or attendance upon the court.

The house of representatives shall choose their own speaker, appoint their own officers, and settle the rules of proceedings in their own house ; and shall be judge of the return, elections, and qualifications of its members, as pointed out in this constitution. They shall have authority to punish, by imprisonment, every person who shall be guilty of disrespect to the house in its presence, by any disorderly and contemptuous behaviour, or by threatening or ill treating any of its members ; or by obstructing its deliberations ; every person guilty of a breach of its privileges, in making arrests for debt, or by assaulting any member during his attendance at any session ; in assaulting or disturbing any one of its officers in the execution of any order or procedure of the house ; in assaulting any witness or other person ordered to attend by, and during his attendance on, the house, or in rescuing any person arrested by order of the house, knowing them to be such. The senate, governor, and council shall have the same powers in like cases : provided that no imprisonment by either for any offence exceed ten days.

The journal of the proceedings, and all the public acts of both houses of the legislature, shall be printed and published immediately after every adjournment or prorogation ; and upon motion made by any one member, the yeas and nays upon any question shall be entered in the journals : and any member of the senate or house of representatives shall have a right, on motion made at the time for that purpose, to have his protest or dissent, with the reasons, against any vote, resolve, or bill passed, entered on the journals.

EXECUTIVE POWER.

Governor.

The governor shall be chosen annually, in the month of March ; and the votes for governor shall be received, counted, certified, and returned in the same manner as the votes for senators ; and the secretary shall lay the same before the senate and house of representatives on the first Wednesday in June, to be by them examined ; and in case of an election by a majority of votes through the state, the choice shall be by them declared and published.

And the qualifications of electors of the governor shall be the same as those for senators ; and if no person shall have a majority of votes, the senate and house of representatives shall, by joint ballot, elect one of the two persons having the highest number of votes, who shall be declared governor.

And no person shall be eligible to this office unless, at the time of his election, he shall have been an inhabitant of this state for seven years next preceding, and unless he shall be of the age of thirty years, and unless he shall, at the same time, have an estate of the value of