

- No. 158. An act authorising the levy court of Washington county to appoint commissioners to review the road therein mentioned.
 No. 159. An act to establish a board of agriculture for Charles county.
 No. 160. An act to establish a market and to build a market-house in the eastern precincts of Baltimore, and for the regulation of the same.
 No. 161. An act to lay out and make public a road in Queen-Anne's county.
 No. 162. An act to pay the civil list, and other expenses of civil government.
 No. 163. A Further supplement to the act, entitled, An act authorising Thomas Bailey, late sheriff and collector of Baltimore county, to complete his collection, and for other purposes.
 No. 164. A Further additional supplement to an act, entitled, An act relating to negroes.
 No. 165. An act to punish crimes, offences and misdemeanors, committed on the waters of the Chesapeake bay within the territorial jurisdiction of the state of Maryland, and for other purposes.
 No. 166. An act annulling the marriage of James Barnes and Mable Barnes, of Talbot county.
 No. 167. A Supplement to the act, entitled, An act to incorporate a company for erecting a bridge over Chester river, at Chester-town.
 No. 168. An act to fix and establish the pay of the adjutant-general and brigade inspectors.
 No. 169. An act to establish a board of agriculture for the counties therein mentioned.
 No. 170. An act for the payment of the journal of accounts.

The speaker, with the rest of the members, returned and resumed the chair.

The house adjourns until the first Monday of October next.

Test.

JOHN BREWER, clk.

BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, JANUARY 19, 1808.

ORDERED, That the bill, entitled, *An act to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body, together with the amendments proposed by the senate, be entered at length upon the votes and proceedings of this house, for the information of the citizens of this state.*

By Order,

J. BREWER, Clk.

An ACT to abolish all such parts of the constitution and form of government as relate to the time and manner of electing the senate, and the mode of filling up vacancies in that body.

BE IT ENACTED, by the General Assembly of Maryland, That from and after the first Monday of October, eighteen hundred and nine, the senate of this state shall consist and be composed of twenty members, one member to be chosen for the city of Baltimore, one other member for the city of Annapolis and Anne-Arundel county, and one member for each of the other counties of this state, and that the senators shall be elected, by ballot, for four years, by the electors of the said several counties and cities qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, at the same time, and in the same manner, and at the same places, where they shall vote for members of the house of delegates.

II. *And be it enacted*, That immediately after the senate shall be assembled in consequence of the first election, they shall be divided, by lot, into four classes, and the seats of the first class of senators shall be vacated at the expiration of the first year, of the second class at the end of the second year, of the third class at the end of the third year, and of the fourth class at the end of the fourth year, so that one fourth of the whole number of senators may be annually chosen.

III. *And be it enacted*, That no person shall be a senator who shall not have attained the age of twenty-five years, and been a resident of the state four years next before his election, and the last year thereof a resident of the county or city for which he shall be elected, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the United States or of this state, and having in the state real and personal property above the value of two thousand dollars.

IV. *And be it enacted*, That if the seat of any senator shall become vacant by death, resignation, or otherwise, a warrant of election shall issue by the president of the senate for the election of another in his place, in the same manner, and under the same regulations, as warrants of election are issued by the speaker of the house of delegates to supply vacancies in that body; and any senator who may be elected to fill a vacancy shall hold his seat so long as the person in whose place he is elected might have done if no vacancy had happened.

V. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the first Monday in October, eighteen hundred and nine, the offices and seats of the members of the senate of Maryland, who shall then compose that body, shall cease and be void.

VI. *And be it enacted*, That the legislature may regulate the aforesaid elections of senators, and all things relating to the judges, places, times and manner thereof, and the mode of declaring and returning the said elections, in as full and ample a manner as the legislature by law can regulate all those things which relate to the elections for delegates to the general assembly and sheriffs of the several counties.

VII. *And be it enacted*, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs, that in such case this act, and the alterations and amendment of the constitution and form of government therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as a part of the said constitution and form of government, to all intents and purposes, any thing to the contrary notwithstanding.

VIII. *And be it enacted*, That all those parts of the constitution and form of government contrary and repugnant to this act, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, repealed and abolished on the confirmation hereof.

AMENDMENTS PROPOSED.

1. Strike out from the word "state" in the 6th line of the third page to the end of the clause. 2. After the word "void" in the 6th line of the 4th page insert "And be it enacted, That from and after the first Monday of October, eighteen hundred and nine, the several counties of this state shall be represented in the house of delegates in proportion to their population, after deducting two fifths of all slaves in each of the aforesaid counties; provided, that not more than one representative shall be allowed for every five thousand inhabitants, except the city of Baltimore, which shall be entitled to six members. And be it enacted, That the population as aforesaid shall be ascertained and fixed by the last census, taken under a provision of the constitution of the United States, and such census hereafter to be taken, agreeably to the provision aforesaid, shall be the standard by which the representation of the several counties of this state shall be fixed and regulated, except as relates to the city of Baltimore, which shall in no case be entitled to a greater number of representatives than is provided by this act." 3. After the word "senators" in the 8th line of the 4th page insert "and representatives."