

majority of the whole number of Delegates to said Convention.

SEC. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the Constitution and Form of Government adopted by the said Convention as aforesaid, shall on the first Wednesday of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, be submitted to the legal and qualified voters of this State for their adoption or rejection, and the said voters shall on their ballots, plainly designated, express their assent or dissent to the adoption of the Constitution and Form of Government submitted to them as aforesaid, by the following words written or printed on their ballots, namely: "For the New Constitution," or "Against the New Constitution," which said ballots shall be received and accurately counted by the Judges of the State Election held on that day in the several counties of this State, and in Baltimore city, and the number of the ballots given for and against the adoption of the said Constitution, as the case may be, submitted to the people as aforesaid, shall be returned by the said Judges of Election to the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the several counties of this State, and Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city, respectively, within five days after said election, and by said respective clerks returned to the Governor of the State of Maryland, within fifteen days after said election.

To be submitted to the voters.

SEC. 10. *And be it enacted*, That when the Governor shall receive the number of returns of the ballots cast in this State for the adoption and rejection of the Constitution and Form of Government submitted by the Convention to the people as aforesaid, if upon counting and casting up the returns as made to him as aforesaid, it shall appear that a majority of the ballots cast are in favor of the adoption of the New Constitution and Form of Government, he shall issue his proclamation to the people of the State declaring the same, and he shall take such steps as shall be required by the said Constitution to cause the same to go into effect, and to supersede the present Constitution of this State; and should any ballots be cast with any other designation than that prescribed, the same shall not be counted for or against the said Constitution.

Governor to issue proclamation.