

or under any law of the State, shall within thirty days after this Constitution shall have gone into effect take and subscribe the oath or affirmation set forth in the Seventh Section of this Article, and if any such person shall fail to take said oath his office shall be *ipso facto* vacant. And every person hereafter elected or appointed to office in this State, who shall refuse or neglect to take the oath or affirmation of office provided for in the said Seventh Section of this Article shall be considered as having refused to accept the said office, and a new election or appointment shall be made as in case of refusal to accept or resignation of an office. And any person swearing or affirming falsely in the premises shall, on conviction thereof in a court of law, incur the penalties for willful and corrupt perjury, and thereafter shall be incapable of holding any office of profit or trust in this State.

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## ARTICLE II.

### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Governor's term  
of office.

SECTION 1. The Executive power of the State shall be vested in a Governor, whose term of office shall commence on the second Wednesday of January next ensuing his election, and continue for four years, and until his successor shall have qualified, but the Governor chosen at the first election under this Constitution shall not enter upon the discharge of the duties of the office until the expiration of the term for which the present incumbent was elected, unless the said office shall become vacant by death, resignation, removal from the State, or other disqualification of said incumbent.

Time, place, and  
manner of electing  
Governor.

SEC. 2. An election for Governor under this Constitution shall be held on the Tuesday next after the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and on the same day and month in every fourth year thereafter, at the places of voting for delegates to the General