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X.

the several states; that the electors in each state shall have the requisite qualifications of electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature; that until the enumeration therein pointed out of the citizens of the United States shall be made, the number of representatives for this state shall be six; and that the times, places and manner, of holding elections for senators and representatives, shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof: And whereas it is further declared, that for the purpose of choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, each state shall appoint, in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which the state may be entitled in the congress of the United States: And whereas the convention which framed the said constitution resolved, that as soon as the conventions of nine states should have ratified the said constitution, the United States in congress assembled should fix a day on which electors should be appointed by the states which should have ratified the same, and a day on which the electors should assemble to vote for the president, and the time and place for commencing proceedings under the said constitution, and that after such publication the electors shall be appointed, and the senators and representatives elected: And whereas the United States in congress assembled, by their act of the thirteenth day of September, in the present year, reciting that the said constitution had been ratified in the manner therein declared to be sufficient for the establishment of the same, did resolve, that the first Wednesday in January next be the day for appointing electors in the several states ratifying the said constitution before the said day, and that the first Wednesday in February next be the day for the electors to assemble in their respective states and vote for a president and vice-president: And whereas a convention duly appointed by the people of this state did, by their act of the twenty-eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, in the name and on the behalf of the said people, assent to and ratify the said constitution: In order therefore to carry the said constitution into effect,

State divided
into districts.

II. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That for the purpose of choosing representatives in the congress of the United States, this state be divided into six districts, which shall be numbered from one to six; that Saint-Mary's, Charles, and Calvert counties, compose the first district; Kent, Talbot, Cecil and Queen-Anne's, the second; Anne-Arundel, including the city of Annapolis, and Prince-George's, the third; Baltimore, including the town of Baltimore, and Harford, the fourth; Somerset, Dorchester, Worcester and Caroline, the fifth; and Frederick, Washington and Montgomery, the sixth district.

Election to be
made on first
Wednesday in
January, &c.

III. *And be it enacted,* That the election of representatives for this state, to serve in the congress of the United States, shall be made by the citizens of this state qualified to vote for members of the house of delegates, on the first Wednesday of January next, at the places in the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, and in the several counties of this state, prescribed by the constitution and laws of this state for the election of delegates to the house of delegates, of which elections notice shall be given by the sheriffs of the respective counties, and the judges of the election for the city of Annapolis and Baltimore-town, in like manner as for the election of delegates to the house of delegates; and all and every officer and person, whose duty it is or may be to attend, conduct and regulate, according to the constitution of this state, the general election to be held on the first Monday of October yearly, for delegates to the general assembly, are hereby authorized, enjoined and required, to attend, conduct and regulate, the elections herein directed to be held for the purposes aforesaid, in like manner, and within the same space of time, as is by the constitution of this state directed for holding the said general election of delegates, and the several powers and authorities to them given by the said constitution, relating to the election of delegates to the general assembly, are hereby vested in the said officers respectively, for the purpose of holding and conducting the said elections to be held in pursuance of the constitution of the United States, and this act.

IV. *And*