

*An act to alter and amend the Constitution and form of Government of the State of Maryland, so as to substitute Biennial for Annual sessions of the Legislature, and for other purposes.*

Passed Feb. 21, 1846.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the first election for delegates held in pursuance of this act, shall take place on the first Wednesday of October, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and on that day forever thereafter, elections for delegates shall be held once in two years.

First election.

Chosen for two years.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the delegates elected on the first Wednesday in October, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and at all succeeding elections forever thereafter, shall be chosen for two years.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the General Assembly shall meet on the last Monday in December, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and on the same day in every second year forever thereafter, and at no other time, unless convened by proclamation of the Governor, who shall have full power to convene the same, whenever he may deem it expedient and proper.

Meet on last Monday Dec. 1847.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the first election of delegates, held in pursuance of this act, the officers to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, as now provided, shall be biennial instead of annual.

Biennial instead of annual

SEC. 5. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Treasurer of Maryland, to transmit a written statement of the condition of the finances of the State, to the Governor, on the first Monday of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and on the same day in every year thereafter, in which the legislature does not convene.

Treasurer to transmit statement to Governor.

SEC. 6. *And be it enacted,* That if this act shall be confirmed by the General Assembly, after a new election of delegates, at the first session after such new election, agreeably to the provisions of the constitution and form of government, then and in such case, this act, and the alterations and amendments of the constitution therein contained, shall be taken and considered, and shall constitute and be valid, as a part of said constitution and form of government, any thing in the said constitution and form of government to the contrary notwithstanding.

If confirmed.

AND WHEREAS, it is to be desired, that the next legislature may know whether so important an alteration in