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CHAPTER 69.

Passed Feb
13, 1826.

An act to amend the constitution and form of government as it relates to the division of Somerset county into election districts.

Preamble.

WHEREAS, it has been represented to this general assembly, that a numerous class of voters on the north side of Wicomico creek, and also in the neighborhoods of Dublin and Cokesbury, on the eastern borders of the middle district of Somerset county, by reason of their remote location from the place of holding elections, are virtually deprived of the privilege of voting, which according to the spirit of the constitution, is designed to be extended to every free white male citizen of this state, and is intended to be secured by the bill of rights; for remedy whereof,

Middle dis-
trict subdivi-
ted.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the election district in Somerset county, lately called and known as number two, or the middle district, shall be further subdivided, and that two additional election districts shall be established therein; one of which shall be made convenient to the voters on the north side of Wicomico creek, and the other shall be at or near to Dublin or Cokesbury, on the eastern borders of the said district.

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ers to lay out.

2. *And be it enacted,* That in case this act shall be confirmed as required by the constitution and form of government, the levy court of Somerset county shall be, and they are hereby required to appoint three commissioners, who, or a majority of them, shall proceed to subdivide the said district, and to select and appoint suitable places for holding elections on the north side of Wicomico creek, and in the neighborhoods of Dublin or Cokesbury as aforesaid, having due regard to population, extent of territory, and the convenience of voters.

To meet and
their duties.

3. *And be it enacted,* That the commissioners who shall be appointed by the levy court in virtue of this act, shall meet at the town of Princess Anne, on the first Monday of May next, succeeding the confirmation of this act, as required by the constitution and form of government, or within ten days thereafter, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act; and the said commissioners may adjourn from time to time, and from place to place, until they shall have performed and completed the several duties required of them by this act; and the said commissioners shall be, and they hereby are required on or before the first day of July next, after their meeting as aforesaid, to make out and deliver to the clerk of the county aforesaid, a plain and accurate description in writing, of the limits, boundaries and designations of each district so created and laid off, certified under their hands and seals; and the said clerk shall make a fair record thereof amongst the records of the county aforesaid.

Compensati-
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of holding
rolls.

4. *And be it enacted,* That the said commissioners be, and they hereby are authorised and required to adjust and limit the quantum of compensation, to be allowed to the proprietor or