

SEC. 26. Provides that no bill shall originate during the last ten days of the session: it was heretofore, three days.

SEC. 28. Continues the very useful provisions adopted for the first time in 1851, requiring laws when amended, to be put in form as they would read when amended. And the Code heretofore published is required to be kept up, arranged in articles and sections.

SEC. 30. The time when laws take effect, is 1st June next after the session at which they are passed, as heretofore; but it is now further provided, that if that time be changed, then they shall be immediately published.

SEC. 32. Is almost entirely new. It provides that the Legislature shall not pass local or special laws in several enumerated cases,—and that provision should be made for all such cases by general laws. The effect of this provision will be to relieve the statute books of a great mass of laws of mere private or local interest, with which they are now incumbered, and to leave more time to the Legislature for matters of public and general interest.

SEC. 41. Relates to the Registration of voters and to disfranchising certain persons.

SEC. 45. Empowers the Legislature to receive from the United States, a grant of land.

SEC. 47. Provides that the Legislature shall pass laws requiring certain persons to take the oath of allegiance.

SEC. 48. Empowers the Legislature to accept the cession of certain contiguous territory, and for its division into counties, its representation in the Legislature, the creation of Courts, and the extension of the Constitution and laws of the State over it.

SEC. 49. Directs the Legislature to provide by law for the registration of births, marriages and deaths, and for marriages by Judges, &c.

SEC. 52. Authorizes the sale or exchange of the State's interest in certain works of public improvement, on the terms therein particularly prescribed.

SEC. 53. Provides for the purchase of the State's interest in Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, by the counties of Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Montgomery.

#### ARTICLE IV.—JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 8. Provides that the Judges of the Court of Appeals shall be elected by the voters of the whole State: heretofore, each Judge of that Court was elected by the voters of his own District. Before 1851, the tenure of office of all Judges was for life,—it was then changed to a term of 10 years, now it is enlarged to 15 years.

SEC. 8. Authorizes the parties to have a cause tried without a Jury.

SEC. 12. Punishes the detention of emancipated slaves with fine and imprisonment, and directs their discharge on Habeas Corpus.

SEC. 17. The Court of Appeals is enlarged from four to five Judges, and the present Judges are continued.

SEC. 18. The sessions of the Court of Appeals are to be on first Mondays of April, October, or at such other time as the Legislature may direct.

SEC. 19. Provides that the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals, instead of being exclusively appellate, as heretofore, shall be such as now is or may hereafter be prescribed for it by law. Its sessions are to continue ten months, if required.