

[No. 57.]

AN ACT

To divide the State into Congressional districts, for the election of Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That for the purpose of electing representatives of the people of Pennsylvania, to serve in the house of representatives in the congress of the United States, this state shall be divided into twenty-four districts as follows :

First.—Southwark, Moyamensing, and Passyunk, and Cedar Ward and New Market Ward, of the city of Philadelphia, shall compose the first district, and elect one representative.

Second.—The city of Philadelphia, except Cedar Ward and New Market Ward, shall compose the second district, and elect one representative.

Third.—The Northern Liberties and Spring Garden, in the county of Philadelphia, shall compose the third district, and elect one representative.

Fourth.—Kensington, North and South Penn, Roxborough, Germantown, Bristol, Unincorporated Northern Liberties, Oxford, Lower Dublin, Byberry and Moreland, Blockley, West Philadelphia and Kingsessing, in the county of Philadelphia, shall compose the fourth district, and elect one representative.

Fifth.—The counties of Delaware and Montgomery shall be the fifth district, and elect one member.

Sixth.—The counties of Bucks and Lehigh shall be the sixth district, and elect one member.

Seventh.—The county of Chester shall be the seventh district, and elect one member.

Eighth.—The county of Lancaster shall be the eighth district, and elect one member.

Ninth.—The county of Berks shall be the ninth district, and elect one member.

Tenth.—The counties of Northampton, Monroe, Pike and Wayne, shall be the tenth district, and elect one member.

Eleventh.—The counties of Luzerne, Columbia and Wyoming, shall be the eleventh district, and elect one member.

Twelfth.—The counties of Bradford, Susquehanna and Tioga, shall be the twelfth district, and elect one member.

Thirteenth.—The counties of Lycoming, Northumberland, Union and Clinton, shall be the thirteenth district, and elect one member.

Fourteenth.—The counties of Dauphin, Lebanon and Schuylkill, shall be the fourteenth district, and elect one member.

Fifteenth.—The counties of Adams and York shall be the fifteenth district, and elect one member.

Sixteenth.—The counties of Cumberland, Perry and Franklin, shall be the sixteenth district, and elect one member.

Seventeenth.—The counties of Centre, Huntingdon, Juniata and Mifflin, shall be the seventeenth district, and elect one member.

Eighteenth.—The counties of Greene, Fayette and Somerset, shall compose the eighteenth district, and elect one member.

Nineteenth.—The counties of Westmoreland, Bedford and Cambria, shall compose the nineteenth district, and elect one member.

Twentieth.—The counties of Washington and Beaver shall compose the twentieth district, and elect one member.

Twenty-first.—The county of Allegheny shall compose the twenty-first district, and elect one member.

Twenty-second.—The counties of Venango, Mercer and Crawford, shall compose the twenty-second district, and elect one member.

Twenty-third.—The counties of Erie, Warren, M'Kean, Clarion, Potter and Jefferson, shall compose the twenty-third district, and elect one member.

Twenty-fourth.—The counties of Butler, Armstrong, Indiana and Clearfield, shall compose the twenty-fourth district, and elect one member.

SECTION 2. That the election of representatives, to serve in the house of representatives of the congress of the United States, agreeably to the constitution of the United States and the direction of this act, shall be held by the citizens of this state, qualified to vote for members of the state legislature, on the second Tuesday of October next, for the twenty-

eight congress, and on the second Tuesday of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, for the twenty-ninth congress, and in every second year thereafter, until an enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States shall be taken agreeably to the constitution and laws of the United States, at the same places, respectively, under the care and direction of the same officers, and subject to all the laws, penalties, rules and regulations now in force for the conducting and governing elections within this commonwealth.

SECTION 3. The returns of the election held under this act, shall be made at the times and manner prescribed for making returns of elections by the seventy-sixth, seventy-seventh, seventy-eighth, seventy-ninth, eightieth, eighty-first, eighty-second, eighty-third, eighty-fourth, eighty-fifth and eighty-sixth sections of the consolidated acts regulating elections within this commonwealth, passed the second day of July, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine.

SECTION 4. The judges of the first, second, third, and fourth districts, shall meet at the state house, in the city of Philadelphia.

The judges of the fifth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Norristown.

The judges of the sixth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Allentown.

The judges of the seventh district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of West Chester.

The judges of the eighth district shall meet at the court house, in the city of Lancaster.

The judges of the ninth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Reading.

The judges of the tenth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Stroudsburg, in Monroe county.

The judges of the eleventh district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Wilkesbarre.

The judges of the twelfth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Towanda.

The judges of the thirteenth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Williamsport.

The judges of the fourteenth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Lebanon.

The judges of the fifteenth district shall meet at Smith's tavern, in Hanover, York county.

The judges of the sixteenth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Carlisle.

The judges of the seventeenth district shall meet at the house of Alexander M'Coy, at Potter's Fort, in Centre county.

The judges of the eighteenth district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Uniontown.

The judges of the nineteenth district shall meet at the house of Samuel Renshaw, in the borough of Johnstown, in Cambria county.

The judges of the twentieth district shall meet at the house of James Briceland, in Florence, Washington county.

The judges of the twenty-first district shall meet at the court house, in the city of Pittsburg.

The judges of the twenty-second district shall meet at the house of William Dunn, in Georgetown, Mercer county.

The judges of the twenty-third district shall meet at the court house, in the borough of Warren, in Warren county.

The judges of the twenty-fourth district shall meet at the house of John Rymer, in Rymersburg, in Clarion county.

HENDRICK B. WRIGHT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

B. CRISPIN,
Speaker of the Senate.

APPROVED—The twenty-fifth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-three.

DAVID R. PORTER.