

CHAPTER XIX.

An ACT directing the Mode of filling Vacancies in the Representation of this State in the House of Representatives of the United States.

WHEREAS it is provided by the second section of the first article of the constitution of the United States, "That when vacancies happen in the representation from any State, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies:" And whereas the fourth section of the said article provides, "That the times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof:" Therefore,

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

when any vacancy shall happen by death, resignation, or otherwise, in the representation of the people of this State in the House of Representatives of the United States, the Governor of this Commonwealth shall issue his writ, or writs, to the sheriff, or sheriffs, of the county, or counties, of which the congressional district is composed, commanding such sheriff, or sheriffs, on a certain day therein particularly expressed, to hold an election to supply such vacancy; and such writ, or writs, so issued by the Governor, shall be delivered to the sheriff, or sheriffs, to whom the same may be directed, at least twenty days before the day appointed for such election, who shall forthwith give due and public notice thereof throughout the county, at least fifteen days before such election, and shall send

The Governor to issue his writ to supply vacancies happening by death, or otherwise, in the representation of this State in the House of Representatives U. S.

Period within which such writ shall be delivered to the sheriff of the proper district.

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send a copy thereof to one or more of the judges of each election-district therein; and such elections shall be holden and conducted in the same manner, and under the care and regulation of the same officers who conducted the next preceding annual election; subject to the same penalties as are or hereafter may be inflicted on delinquent election officers.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*
of the House of Representatives.

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*
of the Senate.

APPROVED—the eighteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and five.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER XX.

An ACT for the Relief of Frederick Stover.

WHEREAS it appears that Henry Spiker, late paymaster of the militia of Berks county, made out a certificate, purporting that