

legislature, and the secretary shall furnish such copies or abstracts therefrom, as may from time to time be required.

[Section II.] (Section II. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary shall give bond to the governor, for the use of the commonwealth, for the due and faithful performance of the several trusts to him committed, himself in the sum of one thousand pounds, and two sufficient sureties in the sum of five hundred pounds each, which bonds shall be duly acknowledged and entered of record in the rolls-office.

[Section III.] (Section III. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the secretary shall have a deputy, to be by him appointed, with the approbation of the governor, and the said deputy shall be removable by the said secretary, whenever he shall think it expedient.

[Section IV.] (Section IV. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said secretary shall receive, during his continuance in office, at the rate of five hundred pounds per annum, and the said deputy shall receive, during his continuance in office, at the rate of two hundred and fifty pounds per annum.

Passed March 12, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 134. See the Acts of Assembly passed April 8, 1794, Chapter 1736; April 4, 1796; Chapter 1897.

CHAPTER MDXXXIII.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas it is necessary to make provision for the election of representatives of the good people of this commonwealth, to serve in the House of Representatives of the United States for two years, and a division of the state into districts, for such purpose, appears most conducive to a fair and equal representation of the people.

[Section I.] (Section I. P. L.) 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 this commonwealth, to serve in the house of representatives of the United States for two years, this state shall be divided into eight districts, as follows: The city of Philadelphia and the county of Delaware shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Philadelphia and Bucks shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Chester and Montgomery shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Berks, Northampton and Luzerne shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Northumberland, Bedford, Franklin, Huntingdon and Mifflin shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of York and Cumberland shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Westmoreland, Fayette, Washington and Allegheny shall be a district, and shall elect one member; which representatives respectively may be taken from the state at large, provided they are otherwise qualified, according to the constitution of the United States.

[Section II.] (Section II. P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the election of representatives, agreeably to the constitution of the United States, and the directions of this act, shall be held by the citizens of this state, qualified to vote for members of the general assembly, on the second Tuesday of October next, at the same places respectively, in the same manner and under the care and regulation of the same officers, as in and by the several acts of assembly, for the regulation of the general elections of this state, is provided; of which elections public notice shall be given by the sheriffs of the respective counties at least thirty days before the said election.

[Section III.] (Section III. P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person, who shall be guilty of any neglect or abuse of any of the said acts of assembly, for

the regulation of elections, at any election to be held in pursuance of this act, shall be prosecuted and punished in the same manner, as if he had been guilty of the like neglect or abuse in the election of members of the legislature of this state.

[Section IV.] (Section IV. P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the judges of the election in the city of Philadelphia, and in each respective county, after having formed the return of the whole election in the said city, or in their respective county, in such manner as is by law directed, shall send the same, by one or more of their number, to the place hereafter mentioned, within the district of which such city or county is a part, where the judges so met shall compare and cast up the several returns, and shall execute, under their hands and seals, one general and true return for the whole district; that is to say, the judges of the district composed of the city of Philadelphia and the county of Delaware shall meet in the city of Philadelphia; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Philadelphia and Bucks shall meet at the house of George Benner, in Bustleton, in the county of Philadelphia; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Chester and Montgomery shall meet at the house of Casper Fawnstock, in East Whiteland township, Chester county; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Berks, Northampton and Luzerne shall meet at the house of Jeremiah Trexler, in Macungy township, in the county of Northampton; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Lancaster and Dauphin shall meet at the house now occupied by Alexander Boggs, near Elizabethtown, in Lancaster county; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Northumberland, Bedford, Franklin, Huntingdon and Mifflin shall meet at Huntingdon; the judges of the district composed of the counties of York and Cumberland shall meet at the house now occupied by Daniel Carpenter, in Warrington township, in the county of York; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Westmoreland, Fayette, Washington and Allegheny shall meet at the house of Stephen Bayard, in Elizabethtown, in the township of Elizabeth, in the county of Allegheny, on the third Tuesday of October, respectively; and within the space of ten days after

the said election, the judges of each respective district, so convened, shall cause the said general return to be delivered to the sheriff of the county in which they shall be thus convened, and shall also cause a duplicate thereof, signed and sealed in the same manner, to be deposited in the office of the prothonotary of such county.

[Section V.] (Section V. P. L.) Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such sheriff, having received the said general return, shall, within at least twenty days after the said election, deliver or safely transmit the same to the governor, who shall thereupon declare by proclamation, the name of the person to him returned as duly elected in each respective district; and shall thereafter, as soon as conveniently may be, transmit the said return to the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States.

Passed March 16, 1791. Recorded L. B. No. 4, p. 136, etc.

CHAPTER MDXXXIV.

A SUPPLEMENT TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ENABLE THE OWNERS AND POSSESSORS OF MEADOW LAND, SITUATE IN THE PRECINCT OF RICHMOND, IN THE TOWNSHIP OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES, TO KEEP THE BANKS, DAMS, SLUICES AND FLOODGATES IN REPAIR."

Whereas the act, entitled "An act to enable the owners and possessors of meadow land, situate in the precinct of Richmond, in the township of the Northern Liberties to keep the bands, dams, sluices, and flood gates in repair,"¹ enacted the twenty-sixth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, having no provision therein for an election to be held for the choice of managers and treasurer, on any other but a certain day, of which the treasurer is directed to give ten days' previous notice, and an omission for the choice of managers and treasurer, having already ensued, to the great

¹Passed September 24, 1789, Chapter 1444.