

be disposed of agreeably to the regulations of the act, entitled "An act for the sale of the vacant lands within this commonwealth."²

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CHAPTER MDCXXXVIII.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE TIME, PLACES AND MANNER OF HOLDING ELECTIONS FOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE IN THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, AND FOR ELECTORS OF A PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

Whereas the constitution of the United States declares and directs, that the house of representatives in the congress of the United States shall be composed of members chosen every second year by the people of the several states, that the electors in each state shall have the requisite qualifications of electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature, and that the times, places and manner, of holding elections for senators and representatives shall be prescribed in each state by the legislature thereof: And whereas it is further declared and directed, in and by the said constitution, that, for the purposes of choosing a president and vice-president of the United States, each state shall appoint in such manner as the legislature thereof may direct, a number of electors equal to the whole number of senators and representatives to which it may be entitled in congress:

[Section I.] (Section I, P. L.) Be it therefore 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 the election of representatives of the people of this commonwealth to serve in the house of representatives of the United States for two years, to commence from the fourth day of March next, be held

² Passed April 3, 1792, Chapter 1624.

by the citizens of this state on the second Tuesday in October next; of which election due notice shall be given by the sheriffs of the respective counties, agreeably to the election laws of this state, at the places in the city of Philadelphia, and in the several counties of this state, prescribed by the election laws aforesaid, in like manner as in and by the said election laws is directed for the election of members of the general assembly of this state, at which election the same officers whose duty it shall be to attend at the election of members of assembly for this state, shall attend and perform the same duties, and be subject to the like penalties for non-performance of their several duties, as they are by the existing laws of this commonwealth, at the said elections for the members of the general assembly of this state.

[Section II.] (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person voting for representatives in congress, shall deliver, in writing on one ticket or piece of paper, the names of so many persons as this state is or may be entitled to as representatives in congress, duly qualified, according to the said constitution, to serve in that station, which tickets or ballots shall be received, and dealt with in like manner as those delivered in at the general elections for members of assembly of this state.

[Section III.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the election for electors of a president and vice-president of the United States shall be by the same persons, and in all things conducted in the same manner, by the same officers and under the same regulations, as the election for representatives in congress, except as to the number of names to be contained in the tickets or ballots of the persons voting at such election, which shall be equal to the whole number of senators and representatives in congress to which this state shall be entitled, and also with respect to the times of holding such election, which shall be on the first Tuesday in November next.

[Section IV.] (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That after the polls in the several districts shall be closed, and the votes cast up in the manner

and form directed by the laws of this state, the names of the several persons voted for in the city of Philadelphia, and the several counties in this state, shall be written on parchment or paper, in words at length, and the tickets and other papers relating to the election shall be sealed up, and deposited in manner and form as directed by the election laws of this state, and duplicate returns thereof shall be made out, one of which shall be delivered to the prothonotary of the proper county, and the other to the sheriff thereof, to be transmitted by him, to be delivered, within twelve days after each respective election, to the governor of this commonwealth, who shall enumerate and ascertain the number of votes for each and every the persons so as aforesaid voted for as representatives and electors respectively, and shall thereupon declare, by proclamation, the names of the persons duly elected and chosen as aforesaid, and shall cause notification of their election to be delivered, on or before the last Wednesday in November next, to the persons so chosen as electors respectively, and shall transmit a return of the election of representatives, together with the documents whereon the same is founded, to the speaker of the house of representatives of the United States in Congress assembled, as soon as conveniently may be.

[Section V.] (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the electors so to be chosen as aforesaid, shall assemble on the first Wednesday of December next, at Harrisburg, and shall perform the duties enjoined on them by the said constitution and act of congress, and shall each of them receive three dollars, daily wages, when traveling to, remaining at and returning from the place aforesaid; the same to be paid by the treasurer of the state, or the treasurer of the counties in which such electors respectively reside, on warrant signed by the president of the meeting of the said electors, if any they shall choose, or by the majority of such electors, exclusive of the person in whose favor such warrants may or shall be respectively drawn, and all sums paid as aforesaid by the treasurer of any county within this state,

shall be allowed to him on behalf of said county in the settlement of his accounts with the state treasurer.

[Section VI] (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the governor be, and he is hereby, authorized to draw a warrant or warrants on the state treasurer, to defray the necessary expenses which shall be incurred in transmitting the returns of elections of the electors aforesaid, that of the notification of their election to the electors so chosen, which shall be paid out of the funds appropriated to defray the expenses of government.

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CHAPTER MDCXXXIX.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PRINTING, PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTING THE LAWS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH, AND TO DIRECT A PROPER INDEX TO BE MADE OF THE RECORDS OF THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Whereas it is the duty of those who are intrusted with the administration of the public affairs, to make an early and accurate communication of their proceedings to their constituents; and it is essential to the peace and prosperity of the community that a knowledge of the laws should be generally disseminated: In order, therefore, to facilitate the attainment of those important objects:

[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 the governor may and shall, from time to time, appoint and employ a printer or printers, to print and publish not more than three thousand, nor fewer than two thousand five hundred copies of the acts and resolutions of the general assembly of this commonwealth, as soon as conveniently may be after the same shall be enacted and passed: And it shall be the duty of the secretary of the com-