

## CHAPTER III.

*An ACT to ratify on behalf of the State of Pennsylvania, an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, relative to the choosing of a President and Vice-President of the United States.*

**W**HEREAS, in pursuance of the fifth article of the constitution of the United States, a certain amendment, in lieu of the third paragraph of the first section of the second article of the constitution of the United States, has been proposed by the Congress of the United States, two-thirds of both houses concurring, for the consideration of the legislature of the several states: And whereas, the legislature of Pennsylvania, having maturely deliberated thereon, have resolved to adopt and ratify the same, as herein after recited, as part of the constitution of the United States: 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 the following amendment of the constitution of the United States proposed by the Congress thereof, viz. "The electors shall meet in their*  
*" respective states, and vote, by ballot, for presi-*  
*" dent and vice-president, one of whom at least*  
*" shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with*  
*" themselves, they shall name in their ballots, the*  
*" person voted for as president, and in distinct*  
*" ballots the person voted for as vice-president ;*  
*" and they shall make distinct lists of all persons*  
*" voted for as president, and of all persons voted*  
*" for as vice-president, and of the number of*  
*" votes for each ; which lists they shall sign and*  
*" certify, and transmit, sealed, to the seat of the*  
*" government*

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“ government of the United States, directed to  
 “ the president of the senate; the president of the  
 “ senate shall, in the presence of the senate and  
 “ house of representatives, open all the certifi-  
 “ cates, and the votes shall then be counted; the  
 “ person having the greatest number of votes for  
 “ president, shall be the president, if such number  
 “ be a majority of the whole number of electors  
 “ appointed; and if no person have such majority,  
 “ then from the persons having the highest num-  
 “ bers, not exceeding three on the list of those  
 “ voted for as president, the house of representa-  
 “ tives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the  
 “ president; but in choosing the president, the  
 “ votes shall be taken by states; the representa-  
 “ tion from each state having one vote; a quo-  
 “ rum, for this purpose, shall consist of a member  
 “ or members from two-thirds of the states, and  
 “ a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a  
 “ choice; and if the house of representatives shall  
 “ not choose a president, whenever the right of  
 “ choice shall devolve upon them, before the  
 “ fourth day of March next following, then the  
 “ vice-president shall act as president, as in the  
 “ case of the death or other constitutional disabi-  
 “ lity of the president; the person having the  
 “ greatest number of votes as vice-president shall  
 “ be the vice-president, if such number be a ma-  
 “ jority of the whole number of electors ap-  
 “ pointed; and if no person have a majority, then,  
 “ from the two highest numbers on the list, the  
 “ senate shall choose the vice-president; a quo-  
 “ rum, for the purpose, shall consist of two-thirds  
 “ of the whole number of senators, and a ma-  
 “ jority of the whole number shall be necessary  
 “ to a choice; but no person constitutionally in-  
 “ eligible to the office of president shall be eligible  
 “ to that of vice-president of the United States,”  
 in lieu of the third paragraph of the first section  
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of the second article of the constitution of the United States, be, and it is hereby ratified on behalf of the state of Pennsylvania, to become, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states, part of the constitution of the United States.

SIMON SNYDER, *Speaker*

*of the House of Representatives.*

ROBERT WHITEHILL, *Speaker*

*of the Senate.*

APPROVED—the seventh day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and four.

THOMAS M'KEAN, *Governor*

*of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*

#### CHAPTER IV.

*An ACT altering and creating certain Election Districts in the County of Somerset.*

Section 1. **B**E 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 from and after the passing of this

A certain part of Stoney creek township, in Somerset coun-

Act, all that part of Stoney Creek Township, in Somerset county, lying north of a line beginning at Somerset township line, near Schri-  
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