

severally remained in the county where they or either of them was or were convicted; and the commissioners of the county to which any such convict or convicts shall be so removed as aforesaid shall have authority to draw an order or orders from time to time or as often as it shall be necessary upon the treasurer of the county from whence any convict or convicts shall have been so removed for all expenses which shall or may accrue in removing, feeding and clothing such convict or convicts, which order or orders the treasurer of the proper county from which such convict or convicts was removed shall accept and pay.

Passed September 15, 1786. Recorded L. B. No. 3, p. 112, etc.
See the Acts of Assembly passed March 27, 1789, Chapter 1409;
April 5, 1790, Chapter 1516.

CHAPTER MCCXLII.

AN ACT FOR ALTERING AND AMENDING AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO REGULATE THE GENERAL ELECTIONS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH AND TO PREVENT FRAUDS THEREIN."¹

(Section I. P. L.) Whereas it was enacted and provided in and by an act of general assembly of this commonwealth published on the thirteenth day of September last, entitled "An act to regulate the general elections of this commonwealth and to prevent frauds therein," with design to prevent the committing of irregularities and abuses during the night time, that the general elections of this commonwealth shall begin on the second Tuesday in the month of October annually between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and one o'clock in the afternoon of the same day and the poll whereof shall be carried on without interruption or adjournment until the hour of seven o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, other than the elections to be holden for the city and county of Philadelphia, the poll whereof shall be carried on without interruption or adjourn-

¹ Passed Sept. 13, 1785. Chap. 1175.

ment until eight o'clock of the same day, and no votes shall be received afterwards:

And whereas divers freemen of the city of Philadelphia have by their petition to this general assembly represented that at the last general election which was holden for the said city on the second Tuesday which was in the month of October last, the hours so as aforesaid limited for closing the poll of the same election was found to be very prejudicial to the rights of the legal electors and that many of the same electors by the shortness of the time so as aforesaid allowed for the holding of the same election were excluded from giving their votes and thereby greatly aggrieved:

And whereas the limiting of the elections aforesaid to any hour whatever at which time the poll thereof shall be closed and after which no more votes shall be taken has a tendency to abuse by tempting the officers who may be employed in holding such elections to misspend the time so allotted for holding the same:

And whereas divers other alterations in the aforesaid act are deemed expedient:

[Section I.] (Section II. P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority [of the same,] That from and after the publication of this act at every of the general elections aforesaid or at any special election to be holden for electing a representative or representatives to sit in the general assembly or a counsellor, the same election shall be holden and continue without interruption or adjournment until the qualified electors who shall come to the same election shall have full opportunity to give in their respective votes.

(Section III. P. L.) And whereas it was also enacted and provided by the said recited act that the justices of the peace of the city of Philadelphia and the several counties at their general quarter sessions shall nominate three able and intelligent freeholders residing within the district of any county which is divided into districts for the purpose of holding elec-

tions or otherwise residing within the county as judges of election to be holden in each district or place as aforesaid:

(Section IV. P. L.) And whereas it is expedient that the appointment of the judges of election should be by inspectors legally chosen:

[Section II.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the inspectors who shall be chosen in pursuance of the said act for the city of Philadelphia or a majority of them shall on the morning of the day of any election at their meeting in the place appointed for holding the election in the said city choose and take to their assistance six respectable and discreet freeholders who shall be the judges of the election for the said city and the inspectors chosen in any other district or a majority of them at their meeting on the morning of the day of any election shall choose three reputable and discreet freeholders who shall be the judges of the election in the respective districts.

[Section III.] (Section V. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from and after the passing of this act one inspector only shall be chosen for each township, ward or district within the several counties of this commonwealth except for the township of the Northern Liberties in the county of Philadelphia, for which two inspectors shall be chosen as heretofore.

(Section VI. P. L.) And whereas doubts have arisen upon the construction of the thirty-first section of the act, entitled "An act for furnishing the quota of this state towards paying the annual interest of the debts of the United States, and for funding and paying the public debts of this state,"² passed on the sixteenth day of March, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, whether ministers of the gospel, mechanics, manufacturers and school-masters, who are not possessed of taxable property agreeably to the enumeration in the said act shall be entitled to vote at any general election:

In order therefore to remove any doubts or misconstruction on that subject:

[Section IV.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That no minister of the Gospel, mechanic, manufacturer or school-

²Chapter 1137.

master shall be considered as disqualified from giving their votes at any general election on account of any exemption from taxes in the said act.

(Section VII. P. L.) And whereas the election districts by law established in the counties of Philadelphia, Chester, Lancaster, York, Cumberland, Bedford, Northumberland, Westmoreland and Dauphin are found to be inconvenient:

Therefore:

[Section V.] Be it enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the elections for the county of Philadelphia, exclusive of the city of Philadelphia, shall hereafter be holden in three districts, viz: The freemen of the district of Southwark and of the townships of Northern Liberties, Moyamensing, Passyunk, Blockley and Kingsessing shall hold their elections at the state house in Philadelphia, and the freemen of the townships of Germantown, Roxborough and Bristol shall hold their elections at the Union School house in Germantown, and the freemen of the other townships in the said county shall hold their elections at the house of John Barnesly in Bustletown in the township of Lower Dublin.

[Section VI.] (Section VIII. P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the elections for the county of Chester, which for that purpose shall be divided into four districts, shall be holden at four places, viz: the freemen of the townships of Goshen, East Bradford, West Bradford, West-town, Concord, Thornbury, Birmingham, Edgemont, East-town, Kennett, Pennsbury, Newlin, East Fallowfield, Willistown and Bethel, being the first district, shall hold their elections at the court house in the townships of Goshen; the freemen of the townships of Tredyffrin, West Whiteland, East-Caln, West Caln, West Nantmill, East Nantmill, Charlestown, Uwchland, Pikeland, Vincent, Coventry and East Whiteland, being the second district, shall hold their elections at the sign of the Red Lyon in the township of Uwchland; the freemen of the townships of London-Grove, London-Britain, Londonderry, New London, New Garden, East Marlborough, West Marlborough, East Nottingham, West Nottingham, West Fallowfield, Oxford and Sadsbury, being the third district, shall hold their elections at

Chatham, formerly called the Half-Way House; the freemen of the townships of Chester, Upper Chichester, Lower Chichester, Ashtown, Middletown, Upper and Nether Providence, Ridgley, Marple, Springfield, Darby, Haverford, Radnor, Tinnicum and Newtown, being the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Mary Withy in the town of Chester.

(Section IX. P. L.) And whereas there has been any courts held at the new court house in the township of Goshen in the county of Chester and it may be doubtful where to make the returns of the district elections in and for said county:

[Section VII.] • Be therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the returns of the district elections in and for the county of Chester shall be made at the new court house in the township of Goshen in said county.

[Section VIII.] (Section X. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That from henceforth the elections for the county of Lancaster, which for that purpose shall be divided into four districts, shall be holden at the four following places, viz: the freemen of the borough of Lancaster and of the townships of Lancaster, Strasburg, Warwick, Elizabeth, Manheim, Hempfield, Manor, Conestoga, Cocolico and Lampeter, being the first district shall hold their elections at the court house in the borough of Lancaster; the freemen of the townships of Little Britain Drumore, Bart, Colerain, Martick and Sadsbury being in the second district shall hold their elections at the house of Colonel James Porter in Drummore township; the freemen of the townships of Raphoe, Donegal and Mountjoy, being in the third district, shall hold their elections at the house of Michael Nicholas at the cross roads in Donegal township; and the freemen of the townships of Carnarvan, Brecknock, Earl, Leacock and Salsbury being in the fourth district, shall hold their elections at the house of Thomas Henderson in New Holland.

[Section IX.] (Section XI. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freemen of the township of Paradise in the county of York shall hold their election at the court house in the town of York in the said county.

[Section X.] (Section XII. P.L.) And be it further enacted

by the authority aforesaid, That the townships of Newton, Hopewell and Shippensburg in the county of Cumberland shall be the fifth district and the freemen of the said townships shall hold their annual election at the public school-house in the town of Shippensburg.

[Section XI.] (Section XIII. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freemen of the second district in the county of Bedford shall henceforth meet and hold their annual election at the house of William Kerney in said district and that the freemen of the townships of Frankstown and Morrisons Cove shall be henceforth the sixth district in the said county and shall meet and hold their annual elections at the house of Lazarus Lowry at Frankstown, any law or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section XII. (Section XIV. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freemen of Potter's township in the county of Northumberland shall henceforth hold their annual elections at the house of George McCormick in Penn's Valley in Potter's township and be called the fifth district of the county aforesaid.

(Section XV. P.L.) And whereas the commissioners who were appointed to ascertain and fix the proper place for holding the courts of justice in and for the county of Westmoreland have fixed that the same courts be hereafter holden at Greensburg, otherwise, Newtown:

[Section XIII.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That Greensburg shall hereafter be the place of election of the fifth district of Westmoreland county and that at all future elections for the same county the electors residing within the same district shall attend and vote at the court house in Greensburg aforesaid and that the returns to be made of inspectors elect be made at the said court house in Greensburg and not at Hanna'stown, the act of assembly for regulating general elections notwithstanding. Provided nevertheless, That as the said electors may not be duly informed of this alteration of the place for holding the next ensuing election the same shall be holden at Hanna'stown as heretofore.

(Section XVI.) And whereas the next courts of quarter sessions of the peace and common pleas for the county of Westmoreland happen to begin this year on the day which is appointed for holding the general election:

[Section XIV.] Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, That all freemen of the county of Westmoreland who be duly qualified to vote at the general elections of the same county and who shall be called to attend at the same courts as justices, jurors, attorneys, witnesses or parties in any action or prosecution therein depending shall be allowed at the next election to deliver in their votes at Hanna'stown to any inspector of the fifth district of the said county, the act of general assembly for regulating general elections notwithstanding.

[Section XV.] (Section XVII. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the freemen of the fourth district of the county of Dauphin shall henceforth meet and hold their annual election at Cline's mill in said district and that the freemen of East Hanover and Bethel townships, being part of the first district in said county, shall hold their annual election at the house of Matthias Henings in Williamsburg in Bethel township, being the fifth district.

[Section XVI.] (Section XVIII. P.L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That so much of the act entitled "An act to regulate the general elections of the commonwealth and to prevent frauds therein,"¹ enacted on the thirteenth day of September one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five as is by this act altered, amended or supplied shall be and the same is hereby repealed and made null and void.

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See the Acts of Assembly passed September 7, 1789, Chapter 1428;
February 15, 1799, Chapter 2020.

¹ Anti.