

rectors and company be, and they are hereby authorized to purchase and sell again, any stock of the United States which they may believe most beneficial to the said bank, provided the amount of such stock shall not at any one time exceed one hundred thousand dollars, exclusive of the stock now held by them, anything in the act incorporating the said company to the contrary notwithstanding.

Section IV. (Section IV, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if the said president, directors and company, should not agree to accept the transfer of the said stock, at the rate aforesaid, in discharge of said loan, the governor is hereby authorized to negotiate with the said president and directors an extension of the time of payment of the first instalment of said loan for the term of two years. Provided, that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to prevent the commonwealth from discharging the said instalment at any time previous to the expiration of the said two years.

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Note (\*). Chapter 1667. 14 Statutes at Large, p. 365.

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## CHAPTER MMCCCLXXXVI.

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

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 in the Congress of the United States, this state shall be divided into eleven districts, as follows: The city of Philadelphia, and the counties of Philadelphia and Delaware, shall be a district, and shall elect three members; the counties of Bucks, Montgomery, Northampton, Wayne and Luzerne, shall be a district, and shall

elect three members; the counties of Chester, Berks and Lancaster, shall be a district, and shall elect three members; the counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Mifflin and Huntingdon, shall be a district, and shall elect two members; the counties of Northumberland, Lycoming and Centre, shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of York and Adams shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Franklin and Bedford shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Westmoreland, Somerset and Armstrong, shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Fayette and Greene shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the county of Washington shall be a district, and shall elect one member; the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren and Erie, shall be a district, and shall elect one member.

Section II. (Section II, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the election of representatives, agreeably to the constitution of the United States and the direction of this act, shall be held by the citizens of this state qualified to vote for members of assembly, on the second Tuesday of October next, and on the second Tuesday of October, every second year thereafter, until an enumeration of the inhabitants of the United States shall be taken agreeably to the constitution and laws of the said United States, at the same places respectively, in the same manner, and under the care and regulation of the same officers as is provided in and by the several acts of assembly for the regulation of the general elections of this state, of which elections public notice shall be given by the sheriffs of the several counties, at least thirty days before the said election.

Section III. (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That every person who shall be guilty of any neglect or abuse of this act, or 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.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the judges of the election in the city of Philadelphia, and in each county erected into a separate district, after having formed the return of the whole election in the said city and counties respectively, in such manner as is by law directed, shall within six days cause said returns to be delivered to the sheriff of the said city and counties respectively, and shall also cause a duplicate thereof, signed and sealed in the same manner, to be deposited in the office of the prothonotaries of said city and counties respectively.

Section V. (Section V, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the judges of the elections of each of the following counties, after having formed the returns of the whole election in their counties respectively, 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 county is a part, when 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 of the whole district, that is to say, the judges of the district composed of the city and county of Philadelphia and the county of Delaware, shall meet at the county court house in the city of Philadelphia; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Bucks, Montgomery, Northampton, Wayne and Luzerne, shall meet at the house now occupied by John Leonard, innkeeper, in the town of Bethlehem, in the county of Northampton; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Chester, Berks and Lancaster, shall meet at the house now occupied by Everet M'Clees, innkeeper, in Morgantown, in the county of Berks; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Dauphin, Cumberland, Mifflin and Huntingdon, shall meet at the house now occupied by William Sterret, in Mifflintown, in the county of Mifflin; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Northumberland, Lycoming and Centre, shall meet at the house now occupied by Andrew Albright, in Levisburgh, in the county of Northumberland; the judges of the district composed of the counties of York and

Adams, shall meet at the house now occupied by Peter Eskes, in Abbotstown, in the county of Adams; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Franklin and Bedford, shall meet at the house now occupied by Jacob Four, in M'Connelsburg, in the county of Bedford; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Westmoreland, Somerset and Armstrong, shall meet at the house of George Keltz, in Ligonía valley, in the county of Westmoreland; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Fayette and Greene, shall meet at the house now occupied by Thomas Clare, in Fayette county; the judges of the district composed of the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Crawford, Mercer, Venango, Warren and Erie, shall meet at the house now occupied by Adam Funk, in the county of Butler, on the third Tuesday of October next, and on the third Tuesday of October biennially thereafter, during the continuance of this act, 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 VI. (Section VI, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That such sheriff, having received the said return, shall within thirty days after said election, deliver or safely transmit the same to the governor, who shall thereupon declare by proclamation, the name of the person or persons to him returned as duly elected in each respective district, and shall thereafter, as soon as conveniently may be, transmit the returns so to him made, to the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States.