

vacancies happen in the representation from any State, the executive authority thereof shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies:" And whereas the fourth section of the said article provides, "That the times, places and manner of holding elections for Senators and Representatives, shall be prescribed in each State by the Legislature thereof:" Therefore,

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 when any vacancy shall happen by death, resignation, or otherwise, in the representation of the people of this state in the House of Representatives of the United States, the governor of this commonwealth shall issue his writ, or writs, to the sheriff, or sheriffs, of the county, or counties, of which the congressional district is composed, commanding such sheriff, or sheriffs, on a certain day therein particularly expressed, to hold an election to supply such vacancy; and such writ or writs, so issued by the governor, shall be delivered to the sheriff or sheriffs to whom the same may be directed, at least twenty days before the day appointed for such election, who shall forthwith give due and public notice thereof throughout the county at least fifteen days before such election, and shall send a copy thereof to one or more of the judges of each election district therein; and such elections shall be holden and conducted in the same manner, and under the care and regulation of the same officers who conducted the next preceding annual election; subject to the same penalties as are or hereafter may be inflicted on delinquent election officers.

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CHAPTER MMDXLIV.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF FREDERICK STOEVER.

Whereas it appears that Henry Spiker, late paymaster of the militia of Berks county, made out a certificate, purport-

ing that a sum of twenty pounds was due to major Martin Kercher, or order, for services rendered by him in the time of the late revolutionary war, and did therein direct Daniel Levan, late treasurer of said county, to pay the same; which certificate the said Martin Kercher transferred to Frederick Stoever, who delivered the same to the late comptroller general: And whereas it is certified by the present comptroller general, that the said certificate has not been paid by the said Daniel Levan, nor by any other public agent, and also that the said certificate is not to be found among the public documents in the office of the said comptroller; from all which it appears, that the said sum of money is yet due to Frederick Stoever, who is the legal representative of the said Martin Kercher: Therefore,

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 accounting officers are authorized and required to adjust and settle the sum due, as principal and interest, to the said Frederick Stoever, as the legal representative of the aforesaid Martin Kercher, on the certificate aforesaid; and thereupon the governor is authorized to draw a warrant on the treasurer of the commonwealth, in favor of the said Frederick Stoever, or his lawful attorney, which he shall pay out of any unappropriated monies in the treasury: But the said Frederick Stoever, or his legal representative, shall, before such warrant is paid, enter into a bond, with sufficient surety, to the governor, conditioned, that the obligee will refund the sum so paid, together with interest, if the said certificate, so said to be lost, shall hereafter be produced for payment.

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