

Sec. 7th. All impeachments shall be tried by the Senate, and when sitting for that purpose they shall be on oath or affirmation to do justice according to the law and evidence, but no person shall be convicted without the concurrence of two thirds of the Senators. Judgment in such case shall not extend beyond removal from Africa, and disqualification to hold an office in the State: but the party may be tried at law for the same offence. Where either the Governor or Lieutenant Governor is to be tried, the Chief Justice shall preside.

Sec. 8th. The Senator for each County having the highest number of votes, shall retain his seat four years; and the one having the next highest number two years: and all who shall be afterwards elected to fill their seats, shall remain in office four years. The first election for Delegates and Senators shall take place on the first Tuesday of June, Eighteen hundred and fifty four, and shall hold their first session as soon as conveniently may be afterwards. The second election of Delegates and one half of the Senators shall take place on the first Tuesday of June, Eighteen hundred and fifty six, and all elections thereafter shall be held on the same day of the same month of every second year.

Sec. 9th. After the first meeting, succeeding the election on the first Tuesday of June, Eighteen hundred and fifty four, the General Assembly shall meet on the first Monday of August, Eighteen hundred and fifty five, and on the first

Monday of August, Eighteen hundred and fifty six, and on the same day in every year thereafter, and at no other times, unless convened by the proclamation of the Governor.

Sec. 10th. The General Assembly may continue their first session after the adoption and ratification of this Constitution, as long as in the opinion of the two Houses, the Public interest may require it; but all subsequent regular sessions shall be closed within two months after their commencement, by the agreement of both Houses.

Sec. 11th. All male citizens of the State of Maryland in Liberia, who then are, or for six months next preceding the election shall have been residents of the settlement or County in which they shall offer to vote, (being of full age) shall be entitled to vote for the members of the General Assembly, and in the event of confederation, for a representative or representatives to the General Government.

Sec. 12th. It shall be the duty of the Legislature every five years, for twenty years, after the adoption and ratification of this Constitution, and afterwards at such Stated period as may be fixed by law, to cause a true census to be taken of each town, settlement, and county, which are now or may hereafter be established, and apportion the representative agreeably to the provisions in the second section.

Sec. 13th. A majority of each house of the assembly shall constitute a quorum necessary to

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