

votes, one of them shall be chosen Governor by the joint vote of the members of both Houses. Contested elections shall be determined by a Committee to be elected from both Houses of the General Assembly, and formed and regulated in such manner as shall be directed by law.

Sec. 3. The Governor shall be at least thirty years of age. He shall receive for his services a compensation which shall neither be increased nor diminished during the period for which he shall have been elected; and before he enters on the execution of his office, he shall take the following oath or affirmation: "I do solemnly swear or affirm, that I will faithfully execute the office of Governor of the State of Maryland in Liberia, and will, to the best of my ability, preserve and defend the Constitution, and enforce the laws of this State.

Sec. 4. He shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and the Navy of this State, and of the Militia thereof; and shall in the recess of the Legislature or General Assembly, have power to call out the Militia^{or} or any portion thereof into actual service in defence of the State. But, he shall not command personally in the field, unless he shall be advised so to do by a resolution of the General Assembly.

Sec. 5. He shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint and commission

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