A correct divi-time, shall cause a correct division of the said city sion shall be to be made into eight wards, according to the actual number of inhabitants, which divisions shall be repeated as often as the increase or decrease of inhabitants in any ward or wards shall render it necessary,

A further division of wards habitants shall increase to forty thousand, it shall
when to be
made. then be divided into fife additional increase of inhabitants, one new ward only shall be added for every twenty thousand, in order to preserve, as nearly as may be, an equal number of voters in each ward.

branches.

SEC. 2.—And be it enacted, That the Councils of the City of Baltimore shall consist of two branches, one whereof shall be denominated the First Branch, the other the Second Branch; the First Branch shall consist of two members of the most wise, sensible and discreet of the people from each ward, who Qualifications of the shall be citizens of the United States, above twentyarst branch. one years of age, residents of the said town three

years preceding their appointment, and assessed on the books of the assessor to the amount of one thousand dollars; and the voters for the First Branch of the said City Council shall have the same quali-

Qualifications of fications as voters for Delegates to the General Assembly of this State; and the said election shall be made viva voce.

SEC. 3.—And be it enacted, That the first election Elections for the for members of the First Branch of the City Council when to be held. shall be held on the third Monday in February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and on the third Monday in February, in each and every year thereafter, at such place in each ward as the judges of the election, in the first instance, and afterwards as the corporation by ordinance shall direct. To be held by The election shall be held by wards, and no person shall be entitled to vote for any but the members of the ward of which he is a resident; three respect-How judges of able citizens, residents in each ward, or a majority pointed. of them, in the first instance, to be appointed by

the Commissioners of Baltimore town, and afterwards by the Mayor of the said City, shall be judges of the elections in their respective wards, and they shall have power to appoint their respective clerks.

SEC. 4 .- And be it enacted, That the polls in each Polls open one ward shall be kept open one day, from eight o'clock day. in the morning till six o'clock at night, and no longer, and when closed, the several judges shall, within three days after such election, notify to the persons having the greatest number of legal votes in their respective wards, that they are duly elected; and they shall make their return, and deposit their How judges polls, in the first instance, with the present clerk of turns of electhe Commissioners of Baltimore town, and there-tions. after as shall be directed by ordinance; any vacancy happening in the First Branch of the City Council, shall be filled up without delay, from the ward where such vacancy happened, in such manner as shall be hereafter directed by ordinance.

SEC. 5.—And be it enacted, That the Second Qualifications of Branch shall consist of eight members, who shall members of the be chosen from the several wards, and no person shall be eligible as a member of the Second Branch, who is not of the full age of twenty-five years, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the said town four years, previous to his election, and assessed on the books of the assessor to the amount of two thousand dollars; and the members of the Second Branch shall continue in office for the term of two years next succeeding the time of their elec-

SEC. 6 .- And be it enacted, That the Mayor of the mayor and the said City, and the members of the Second Branch how chosen. of the City Council, shall be chosen in the following manner, to wit: That each ward, at the time and place of electing the First Branch of the City Council, shall elect viva voce, one person qualified to be a member of the First Branch as elector of the Mayor and of the members of the Second Branch