

agree upon a principle of representation and to re-apportion representation in accordance therewith, each house shall separately propose a scheme of representation, containing a principle or rule for the house of delegates, in connexion with a principle or rule for the senate. And it shall be the duty of the general assembly, at the same session, to certify to the governor, the principles or rules of representation which the respective houses may separately propose, to be applied in making re-apportionments in the senate and in the house of delegates: and the governor shall, as soon thereafter as may be, by proclamation, make known the propositions of the respective houses, and require the voters of the commonwealth to assemble at such time as he shall appoint, at their lawful places of voting, and decide by their votes between the propositions thus presented. In the event the general assembly shall fail, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, or in any tenth year thereafter, to make such re-apportionment or certificate, the governor shall, immediately after the adjournment of the general assembly, by proclamation, require the voters of the commonwealth to assemble, at such time as he shall appoint, at their lawful places of voting, and to declare by their votes:

First, whether representation in the senate and house of delegates shall be apportioned on the "Suffrage Basis;" that is, according to the number of voters in the several counties, cities, towns, and senatorial districts of the commonwealth:

Or second, whether representation in both houses shall be apportioned on the "Mixed Basis;" that is, according to the number of white inhabitants contained, and the amount of all state taxes paid, in the several counties, cities, and towns of the commonwealth, deducting therefrom all taxes paid on licenses and law process, and any capitation tax on free negroes, allowing one delegate for every seventy-sixth part of said inhabitants, and one delegate for every seventy-sixth part of said taxes, and distributing the senators in like manner:

Or third, whether representation shall be apportioned in the senate on taxation; that is, according to the amount of all state taxes, paid in the several counties, cities, and towns of the commonwealth, deducting therefrom all taxes paid on licenses and law process, and any capitation tax on free negroes, and in the house of delegates on the "Suffrage Basis" as aforesaid:

Or fourth, whether representation shall be apportioned in the senate on the "Mixed Basis" as aforesaid, and in the house of delegates on the "Suffrage Basis" as aforesaid: and each voter shall cast his vote in favour of one of said schemes of apportionment, and no more.

6. It shall be the duty of the sheriffs and other officers taking said polls, to keep the same open for the period of three days, and within five days after they are closed, to certify true copies thereof to the governor, who shall, as early as may be, ascertain the result of said vote, and make proclamation thereof; and in case it is ascertained that a majority of all the votes cast is in favour of either of the principles of representation, referred as aforesaid to the choice of the voters, the governor shall communicate the result of such vote to the