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Number and apportionment of Representatives.

2 Feb., 1872, c. 11, s. 1, v. 17, p. 28.

SEC. 20. After the third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the House of Representatives shall be composed of two hundred and ninety-two members, to be apportioned among the several States as follows:

Maine.....	5
New Hampshire.....	3
Vermont.....	3
Massachusetts.....	11
Rhode Island.....	2
Connecticut.....	4
New York.....	33
New Jersey.....	7
Pennsylvania.....	27
Delaware.....	1
Maryland.....	6
Virginia.....	9
North Carolina.....	8
South Carolina.....	5
Georgia.....	9
Alabama.....	8
Mississippi.....	6
Louisiana.....	6
Ohio.....	20
Kentucky.....	10
Tennessee.....	10
Indiana.....	13
Illinois.....	19
Missouri.....	13
Arkansas.....	4
Michigan.....	9
Florida.....	2
Texas.....	6
Iowa.....	9
Wisconsin.....	8
California.....	4
Minnesota.....	3
Oregon.....	1
Kansas.....	3
West Virginia.....	3
Nevada.....	1
Nebraska.....	1

Representatives assigned to new States.

23 May, 1850, c. 11,

Reduction of representation under amendment 14.

2 Feb., 1872, c. 11, s. 6, v. 17, p. 29.

SEC. 21. Whenever a new State is admitted to the Union, the Representatives assigned to it shall be in addition to the number two hundred and ninety-two.

23 May, 1850, c. 11, s. 25, v. 9, p. 432. Conway vs. United States, 1 Penn & H., 68.

SEC. 22. Should any State deny or abridge the right of any of the male inhabitants thereof, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, to vote at any election named in the amendment to the Constitution, article fourteen, section two, except for participation in the rebellion or other crime, the number of Representatives apportioned to such State shall be reduced in the proportion which the num-

ber of such male citizens shall have to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

SEC. 23. In each State entitled under this apportionment to more than one Representative, the number to which such State may be entitled in the Forty-third and each subsequent Congress shall be elected by districts composed of contiguous territory, and containing as nearly as practicable an equal number of inhabitants, and equal in number to the number of Representatives to which such State may be entitled in Congress, no one district electing more than one Representative; but in the election of Representatives to the Forty-third Congress in any State to which an increased number of Representatives is given by this apportionment, the additional Representative or Representatives may be elected by the State at large, and the other Representatives by the districts as now prescribed by law, unless the legislature of the State shall otherwise provide before the time fixed by law for the election of Representatives therein.

SEC. 24. On the first Wednesday in September, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, there shall be elected in each congressional district in the State of California one Representative to represent said State in the Forty-fourth Congress.

Elections by districts.

2 Feb., 1872, c. 11, s. 2, v. 17, p. 23.
30 May, 1872, c. 239, v. 17, p. 192.

Representative from California in Forty-fourth Congress.

3 March, 1873, c. 259, v. 17, p. 578.

SEC. 25. The Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, is established as the day, in each of the States and Territories of the United States, for the election of Representatives and Delegates to the Forty-fifth Congress; and the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November, in every second year thereafter, is established as the day for the election, in each of said States and Territories, of Representatives and Delegates to the Congress commencing on the fourth day of March next thereafter. [See §§ 1863, 1905, 1906.]

Time of election.

2 Feb., 1872, c. 11, s. 3, v. 17, p. 28.

SEC. 26. The time for holding elections in any State, District, or Territory for a Representative or Delegate to fill a vacancy, whether such vacancy is caused by a failure to elect at the time prescribed by law, or by the death, resignation, or incapacity of a person elected, may be prescribed by the laws of the several States and Territories respectively.

Vacancies.

2 Feb., 1872, c. 11, s. 4, v. 17, p. 29.

SEC. 27. All votes for Representatives in Congress must be by written or printed ballot; and all votes received or recorded contrary to this section shall be of no effect. But this section shall not apply to any State voting otherwise whose election for Representatives occurs previous to the regular meeting of its legislature next after the twenty-eighth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-one. [See §§ 5511-5515, 5520.]

Votes by ballot.

28 Feb., 1871, c. 99, s. 19, v. 16, p. 440.
30 May, 1872, c. 239, v. 17, p. 192.

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Oath of Senators.

1 June, 1789, c. 1, s. 2, v. 1, p. 23.

SEC. 29. When a President of the Senate has not taken the oath of office, it shall be administered to him by any member of the Senate.

Oath of President of the Senate.

1 June, 1789, c. 1, s. 2, v. 1, p. 23.

SEC. 30. At the first session of Congress after every general election of Representatives, the oath of office shall be administered by any member of the House of Representatives to the Speaker; and by the Speaker to all the members and delegates present, and to the Clerk, previous to

Oath of Speaker, members, and delegates.

1 June, 1789, c. 1, s. 2, v. 1, p. 23.