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course of law, and right and justice administered without sale, deceit or delay. Suits may be brought against the commonwealth in such manner, in such courts, and in such cases as the Legislature may by law direct.

Sec. 12. No power of suspending laws shall be exercised unless by the Legislature or by its authority.

Sec. 13. Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel punishments inflicted.

Sec. 14. All prisoners shall be bailable by sufficient sureties, unless for capital offenses, when the proof is evident or presumption great; and the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in case of rebellion or invasion the public safety may require it.

Sec. 15. No commission of crime and felony or of any delivery shall be lost.

Sec. 16. The person of a debtor, where there is not strong presumption of fraud, shall not be continued in prison after delivering up his estate for the benefit of his creditors, in such manner as shall be prescribed by law.

Sec. 17. No ex post facto law, nor any law impairing the obligation of contracts, or making irrevocable any grant of special privileges or immunities, shall be passed.

Sec. 18. No person shall be acquitted of treason or felony by the Legislature.

Sec. 19. No attainder shall work corruption of blood, nor, except during the life of the offender, forfeiture of estate to the Commonwealth; the estate of such persons shall descend to their own heirs, and if they die without heirs, to their next of kin, and if no person shall be killed by casualty, there shall be no forfeiture by reason thereof.

Sec. 20. The citizens have a right in a peaceable manner to assemble together for their common good, and to apply to those invested with the powers of government for redress of grievances or other purposes, by petition, address or remonstrance.

Sec. 21. The right of citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the state shall not be questioned.

Sec. 22. No standing army shall, in time of peace, be kept up without the consent of the Legislature; and the military shall, in all cases, and at all times, be in strict subordination to the civil power.

Sec. 23. No soldier shall, in time of peace, be quartered in any house without the consent of the owner, nor in time of war but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

Sec. 24. The Legislature shall not grant any title of nobility or hereditary distinction, nor create any office the appointment of which shall be for a longer term than during good behavior.

Sec. 25. Emigration from the state shall not be prohibited.

Sec. 26. To guard against transgressions of the high powers which we have delegated, we declare that everything in this article is excepted out of the general powers of government, and shall forever remain inviolate.

ARTICLE II. The Legislature.

Sec. 1. The legislative power of this Commonwealth shall be vested in a General Assembly, which shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives.

Sec. 2. Members of the General Assembly shall be chosen at the general election every second year. Their term of service shall begin on the first day of December next after their election. Whenever a vacancy shall occur in either house the presiding officer thereof shall issue a writ of election to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term.

Sec. 3. Senators shall be elected for the term of four years and Representatives for the term of two years.

Sec. 4. The General Assembly shall meet at 12 o'clock noon, on the first Tuesday of January every second year, and at other times when convened by the Governor, but shall hold no adjourned annual session after the year 1878. In case of a vacancy in the office of United States Senator from this Commonwealth, in a recess between sessions, the Governor shall convene the two houses by proclamation on notice not exceeding sixty days to fill the same.

Sec. 5. Senators shall be at least twenty-five years of age. They shall have been citizens and inhabitants of the State four years, and inhabitants of their respective districts one year next before their election (unless absent on the public business of the United States or of this State), and shall reside in their respective districts during their terms of service.

Sec. 6. No Senator or Representative shall, during the time for which he shall have been elected, be appointed to any civil office under this Commonwealth, and no member of Congress or other person holding any office (except of attorney-at-law or in the militia) under the United States or this Commonwealth shall be a member of either house during his continuance in office.

Sec. 7. No person hereafter con-

victed of embezzlement of public moneys, bribery, perjury or other infamous crime, shall be eligible to the General Assembly, or capable of holding any office of trust or profit in this Commonwealth.

Sec. 8. The members of the General Assembly shall receive such salary and mileage for regular and special sessions as shall be fixed by law and no other compensation whatever, whether for service upon committee or otherwise. No member of either house shall, during the term for which he may have been elected, receive any increase of salary, or mileage, under any law passed during such term.

Sec. 9. The Senate shall, at the beginning and close of each regular session and at such other times as may be necessary, elect one of its members president pro tem, who shall perform the duties of the Lieutenant Governor, in any case of absence or disability of that officer, and whenever the said office of Lieutenant Governor shall be vacant, the House of Representatives shall elect one of its members as Speaker. Each house shall choose its other officers, and shall judge of the election and qualifications of its members.

Sec. 10. A majority of each house shall constitute a quorum, but a smaller number may adjourn from day to day and compel the attendance of absent members.

Sec. 11. Each house shall have power to determine the rules of its proceedings and to punish its members or other persons for contempt of disorderly behavior in its presence, to enforce obedience to its process, to protect its members against violence or offers of bribes or private solicitation, and with the concurrence of two-thirds, to expel a member, but not a second time for the same cause, and shall have all other powers necessary for the legislature of a free State. A member expelled for corruption shall not thereafter be eligible to either house, and punishment for contempt or disorderly behavior shall not be an indictment for the same offense.

Sec. 12. Each house shall keep a journal of its proceedings and from time to time publish the same, except such parts as require secrecy, and the yeas and nays of the members on any question shall, at the desire of any two of them, be entered on the journal.

Sec. 13. The sessions of each house and of committees of the whole shall be open, unless when the business is such as ought to be kept secret.

Sec. 14. Neither house shall, without the consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other place than that in which the two houses shall be sitting.

Sec. 15. The members of the General Assembly shall in all cases, except treason, felony, violation of their oath of office, and breach or surety of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at the sessions of their respective houses, and in going to and returning from the same; and for any speech or debate in either house, they shall not be questioned at any other place.

Sec. 16. The State shall be divided into fifty Senatorial districts of compact and contiguous territory, as nearly equal in population as may be, and each district shall be entitled to elect one Senator. Each county containing one or more ratios of population shall be entitled to one Senator for each ratio, and to an additional Senator for a surplus of population exceeding three-fifths of a ratio; but no county shall form a separate district unless it shall contain four-fifths of a ratio, except where the adjoining counties are each entitled to one or more Senators, when such county may be assigned a Senator on less than four-fifths, and exceeding one-half of a ratio, and no county shall be divided unless entitled to two or more Senators. No city or county shall be entitled to separate representation exceeding one-sixth of the whole number of Senators. No ward, borough or township shall be divided in the formation of a district. The Senatorial ratio shall be ascertained by dividing the whole population of the State by the number fifty.

Sec. 17. The members of the House of Representatives shall be appointed among the several counties, on a ratio obtained by dividing the population of the State as ascertained by the most recent United States census by two hundred. Every county containing less than five ratios shall have one representative for every full ratio, and an additional representative when the surplus exceeds half a ratio; but each county shall have at least one representative. Every county containing five ratios or more shall have one representative for every full ratio. Every city containing a population equal to a ratio shall elect separately its proportion of the representatives allotted to the county in which it is located. Every city entitled to more than four representatives, and every county having over one hundred thousand inhabitants, shall be divided into districts of compact and contiguous ter-

ritory, each district to elect its proportion of representatives according to its population, but no district shall elect more than four representatives.

Sec. 18. The General Assembly at its first session after the adoption of this constitution, and immediately after each United States decennial census, shall apportion the State into Senatorial and Representative districts agreeably to the provisions of the two next preceding sections.

ARTICLE III. Legislation.

Sec. 1. No law shall be passed except by bill, and no bill shall be so altered or amended on its passage through either house as to change its original purpose.

Sec. 2. No bill shall be considered unless referred to a committee, returned therefrom, and printed for the use of the members.

Sec. 3. No bill, except general appropriation bills, shall be passed containing more than one subject, which shall be clearly expressed in its title.

Sec. 4. Every bill shall be read at length on three different days in each house; all amendments made thereto shall be printed for the use of the members before the final vote is taken on the bill, and no bill shall become a law unless on its final passage the vote is taken by yeas and nays, the names of the persons voting for and against the same be entered on the journal, and a majority of the members elected to each house be recorded thereon as voting in its favor.

Sec. 5. No amendment to bills by one house shall be concurred in by a majority of the members elected thereto, taken by yeas and nays, and the names of those voting for and against recorded upon the journal thereof; and reports of committees of conference shall be adopted in either house only by the vote of a majority of the members elected thereto, taken by yeas and nays and the names of those voting recorded upon the journal.

Sec. 6. No law shall be revived, amended, or the provisions thereof extended or conferred by reference to its title only, but so much thereof as is revived, amended, extended, or conferred, shall be re-enacted and published at length.

Sec. 7. The General Assembly shall not pass any local or special law authorizing the creating, extension, or impairing of liens; regulating the affairs of counties, cities, townships, wards, boroughs, or school districts; changing the names of persons or places; changing the venue in civil or criminal cases; authorizing the laying out, opening, altering, or maintaining roads, highways, streets or alleys; relating to ferries or bridges, or incorporating ferry or bridge companies, except for the erection of bridges crossing streams which form the boundaries between this and any other State; vacating roads, town plats, streets or alleys; relating to cemeteries, graveyards, or public grounds not of the State; authorizing the adoption or legitimation of children; locating or changing county seats, erecting new counties or changing county lines; incorporating cities, towns or villages, or changing their charters; for the opening and conducting of elections, or fixing or changing the place of voting; granting divorces; erecting new townships or boroughs, changing township lines, borough limits or school districts; creating offices or prescribing the powers and duties of officers in counties, cities, boroughs, townships, election or school districts; changing the law of descent or succession; regulating the practice of jurisdiction of, or changing the rules of evidence in any judicial proceeding or inquiry before courts, aldermen, justices of the peace, sheriffs, commissioners, arbitrators, auditors, masters in chancery or other tribunals, or providing or changing methods for the collection of debts or the enforcing of judgments, or prescribing the effect of judicial sales of real estate; regulating the fees, or extending the powers and duties of aldermen, justices of the peace, magistrates or constables; regulating the management of public schools, the building or repairing of school-houses and the raising of money for such purposes; fixing the rate of interest; affecting the estates of minors or persons under disability, except after due notice to all parties in interest, to be recited in the special enactment; remitting fines, penalties and forfeitures, or refunding moneys legally paid into the Treasury; exempting property from taxation; regulating labor, trade, mining, or manufacturing; creating corporations, or amending, renewing or extending the charters thereof; granting to any corporation, association or individual any special or exclusive privilege or immunity; to any corporation, association or individual the right to lay down a railroad track. Nor shall the general assembly indirectly enact such special or local law by the partial repeal of a general law, but laws repealing local or special acts may be passed. Nor shall any law be passed granting powers or

privileges in any case where the granting of such powers and privileges shall have been provided for by general law, nor where the courts have jurisdiction to grant the same or give the relief asked for.

Sec. 8. No local or special bill shall be passed unless notice of the intention to apply therefor shall have been published in the locality where the matter or the thing to be effected may be situated, which notice shall be at least thirty days prior to the introduction into the general assembly of such bill, and in the manner to be provided by law; the evidence of such notice having been published, shall be exhibited in the general assembly before such act shall be passed.

Sec. 9. The presiding officer of each house shall, in the presence of the house over which he presides, sign all bills and joint resolutions passed by the general assembly, after their titles have been publicly read immediately before signing, and the fact of signing shall be entered on the journal.

Sec. 10. The general assembly shall prescribe by law the number, duties, and compensation of the officers and employes of each house, and no payment shall be made from the state treasury, or be in any way authorized to any person, except to an acting officer or employe elected or appointed in pursuance of law.

Sec. 11. No bill shall be passed giving any extra compensation to any public officer, servant, employe, agent or contractor, after services shall have been rendered or contract made or provided for the payment of any claim against the commonwealth without previous authority of law.

Sec. 12. All stationery, printing, paper and fuel used in the legislative and other departments of government shall be furnished, and the printing, binding and distributing of the laws, journals, department reports and all other printing and binding, and the repairing and furnishing the halls and rooms used for the meetings of the general assembly and its committees, shall be formed under contract, to be given to the lowest responsible bidder below such maximum price and under such regulations as shall be prescribed by law; no member or officer of any department of the government shall be in any way interested in such contracts, and all such contracts shall be subject to the approval of the governor, auditor general and state treasurer.

Sec. 13. No law shall extend the term of any public officer, or increase or diminish his salary or emoluments after his election or appointment.

Sec. 14. All bills for raising revenue shall originate in the house of representatives, but the senate may propose amendments as in other bills.

Sec. 15. The general appropriation bill shall embrace nothing but appropriations for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the commonwealth, interest on the public debt and for public schools; all other appropriations shall be made by separate bills, each embracing but one subject.

Sec. 16. No money shall be paid out of the treasury except upon appropriations made by law and on warrant drawn by the proper officer in pursuance thereof.

Sec. 17. No appropriation shall be made to any charitable or educational institution not under the absolute control of the commonwealth, other than normal schools established by law for the professional training of teachers for the public schools of the state, except by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house.

Sec. 18. No appropriations except for pensions or gratuities for military services shall be made for charitable, educational or benevolent purposes, to any person or community, nor to any denominational or sectarian institution, corporation or association.

Sec. 19. The general assembly may make appropriations of money to institutions wherein the widows of soldiers are supported or assisted or the orphans of soldiers are maintained and educated; but such appropriation shall be applied exclusively to the support of such widows and orphans.

Sec. 20. The general assembly shall not delegate to any special commission, private corporation or association, any power to make, supervise or interfere with any municipal improvement, money, property or effects, whether held in trust or otherwise, or to levy taxes or to perform any municipal function whatever.

Sec. 21. No act of the general assembly shall limit the amount to be recovered for injuries resulting in death, or for injuries to persons or property, and in case of death from such injuries, the right of action shall survive, and the general assembly shall prescribe for whose benefit such actions shall be prosecuted; no act shall prescribe any limitations of time within which suits may be brought against corporations for injuries to persons or property, or for other causes different from those fixed by general laws regulating actions against natural persons, and such acts now existing are avoided.

Sec. 22. No act of the general assembly shall authorize the investment of trust funds by executors, administrators, guardians, or other trustees, in the bonds or stock of any private corporation, and such acts now existing are voided, saving investments heretofore made.

Sec. 23. The power to change the venue in civil and criminal cases shall be provided by law.

Sec. 24. No obligation or liability of any railroad or other corporation, held or owned by the commonwealth shall never be exchanged, transferred, remitted, postponed, or in any way diminished by the general assembly, nor shall such liability or obligation be released, except by payment thereof into the state treasury.

Sec. 25. When the general assembly shall be convened in special session, there shall be no legislation upon subjects other than those designated in the proclamation of the governor, calling such session.

Sec. 26. Every order, resolution or vote to which the concurrence of both houses may be necessary (except on the question of adjournment) shall be presented to the governor, and before it shall take effect be approved by him, or being disapproved, shall be repassed by two-thirds of both houses, according to the rules and limitations prescribed in case of a bill.

Sec. 27. No state office shall be continued or created for the inspection or measuring of any merchandise, manufacture or commodity, but any county or municipality may appoint such officers when authorized by law.

Sec. 28. No law changing the location of the capital of the state shall be valid until the same shall have been submitted to the qualified electors of the commonwealth, at a general election, and ratified and approved by them.

Sec. 29. A member of the general assembly who shall solicit, demand, or receive, or consent to receive, directly or indirectly, for himself or for another, from any company, corporation, or person, any money, office, appointment, employment, testimonial, reward, thing of value or enjoyment, or of personal advantage or promise thereof, for his vote or official influence, or for withholding the same, or with an understanding, expressed or implied, that his vote or official action shall be in any way influenced thereby, or who shall solicit or demand any such money, or other advantage, matter, or thing aforesaid for another, as the consideration of his vote or official influence, or for withholding the same, or shall give or withhold his vote or influence in consideration of the payment or promise of such money, advantage, matter, or thing to another, shall be held guilty of bribery within the meaning of this constitution, and shall incur the disabilities provided thereby for said offense, and such additional punishment as is or shall be provided by law.

Sec. 30. Any person who shall, directly or indirectly, offer, give, or promise any money, or thing of value, testimonial, privilege, or personal advantage, to any executive or judicial officer or member of the general assembly, to influence him in the performance of any of his public or official duties, shall be guilty of bribery, and be punished in such manner as shall be provided by law.

Sec. 31. The offense of corrupt solicitation of members of the general assembly or of public officers of the state, or of any municipal division thereof, and any occupation or practice of solicitation of such members or officers, to influence their official action, shall be defined by law, and shall be punished by fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 32. Any person may be compelled to testify in any lawful investigation or judicial proceeding, against any person who may be charged with having committed the offense of bribery or corrupt solicitation, and shall not be permitted to withhold his testimony upon the ground that it may criminate himself or subject him to public infamy; but such testimony shall not afterwards be used against him in any judicial proceeding, except for perjury in giving such testimony, and any person convicted of either of the offenses aforesaid, shall as part of the punishment therefor, be disqualified from holding any office or position of honor, trust or profit in this commonwealth.

Sec. 33. A member who has a personal or private interest in any measure or bill proposed or pending before the general assembly shall disclose the fact to the house of which he is a member and shall not vote thereon.

ARTICLE IV. The Executive.

Sec. 1. The executive department of this commonwealth shall consist of a governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of the commonwealth, attorney general, auditor general, state treasurer, secretary of internal affairs and a superintendent of public instruction.

Sec. 2. The supreme executive power shall be vested in the governor, who shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed; he shall be chosen on the day of the general election by the qualified electors of the commonwealth at the places

where they shall vote for representatives. The returns of every election for governor shall be sealed up and transmitted to the seat of government directed to the president of the senate, who shall open and publish them in the presence of both houses of the general assembly. The person having the highest number of votes shall be governor, but if two or more be equal and highest in 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 selected 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 hold his office during four years from the third Tuesday of January next ensuing his election and shall not be eligible to the office for the next succeeding term.

Sec. 4. A lieutenant governor shall be chosen at the same time and in the same manner for the same term and subject to the same provisions as the governor; he shall be president of the senate but shall have no vote unless they be equal y divided.

Sec. 5. No person shall be eligible to the office of governor or lieutenant governor except a citizen of the United States, who shall have attained the age of thirty years and have been seven years next preceding his election an inhabitant of the state, unless he shall have been absent on the public business of the United States or of this state.

Sec. 6. No member of Congress or person holding any office under the United States or this State shall exercise the office of governor or lieutenant governor.

Sec. 7. The Governor shall be commander-in-chief of the army of the commonwealth and of the militia, except when they shall be called into actual service of the United States.

Sec. 8. He shall nominate and, by and with the consent of two-thirds of all the members of the senate, appoint a secretary of the commonwealth and an attorney general during pleasure, a superintendent of public instruction for four years and such other officers of the commonwealth as he may be authorized by the constitution or by law to appoint; he shall have power to fill all vacancies which may happen in offices to which he may appoint during the recess of the senate by granting commissions, which shall expire at the end of their next session; he shall have power to fill any vacancy that may happen during the recess of the senate in the office of notary general, state treasurer, secretary of internal affairs or superintendent of public instruction, in a judicial office or in any other elective office which he is authorized to fill; if the vacancy shall happen during the session of the senate the governor shall nominate to the senate before their final adjournment, a proper person to fill said vacancy; but in any such vacancy in an elective office a person shall be appointed to fill the same at the next general election, unless the senate shall happen within three calendar months immediately preceding such election, in which case the election for said office shall be held at the said succeeding general election; and the person so appointed shall hold office until the next general election, and in conformity or reflecting the communications of the governor the vote shall be taken by yeas and nays and shall be entered on the journal.

Sec. 9. He shall have power to remit fines and forfeitures, to grant reprieves, commutations of sentence and pardons, except in cases of impeachment, but no pardon shall be granted nor sentence commuted except upon the recommendation in writing of the lieutenant governor, secretary of the commonwealth, attorney general and secretary of internal affairs, or any three of them, after full hearing, open and public, and in open session, and such recommendation, with the reasons therefor, if written, shall be recorded and filed in the office of the secretary of the commonwealth.

Sec. 10. He may require information in writing from the officers of the executive department in any subject relating to the duties of their respective offices.

Sec. 11. He shall, from time to time, give to the general assembly information of the state of the commonwealth and recommend to their consideration such measures as he may judge expedient.

Sec. 12. He may, on extraordinary occasions, convene the general assembly, and in case of disagreement between the two houses with respect to the time of adjournment, adjourn them to such time as he shall think proper, not exceeding four months. He shall have power to convene the senate in extraordinary session, by proclamation, for the transaction of executive business.

Sec. 13. In case of the death, conviction on impeachment, failure to qualify, resignation or other disability of the governor, the powers, duties and emoluments of the office for the remainder of the term, or until the disability be removed, shall devolve upon the lieutenant governor.

Sec. 14. In case of a vacancy in the office of lieutenant governor, or when the lieutenant governor shall be incapacitated by the house of representatives or shall be unable to exercise the duties of his office, the powers, duties and emoluments thereof for the remainder of the term, or until the disability be removed, shall devolve upon the president, pro tempore, of the senate shall in the interim become governor and shall be elected as any other vacancy in the senate.

Sec. 15. Every bill which shall have passed both houses shall be presented to the governor; if he approve he shall sign it; but if he shall not approve he shall return it with his objections to the house in which it originated, which house shall enter the objections at large upon their journal and proceed to reconsider it. If after such reconsideration two-thirds of all the members elected to that house shall agree to pass the bill it shall in conformity with the objections to the other house, by which like vote it shall be reconsidered, and if approved by two-thirds of all the members elected to that house it shall be a law; but in such cases the votes of both houses shall be determined by yeas and nays, and the names of the members voting for and against the bill shall be entered on the journals of each house respectively. If any bill shall not be returned by the governor within ten days after it shall have been presented to him, the same shall be a law in like manner as if