

SEC. 4. That if, upon trial, there shall be a failure to elect a Representative or Delegate in Congress in any State, District, or Territory, upon the day hereby fixed and established for such election, or if, after any such election, a vacancy shall occur in any such State, District, or Territory, from death, resignation, or otherwise, an election shall be held to fill any vacancy caused by such failure, resignation, death, or otherwise, at such time as is or may be provided by law for filling vacancies in the State or Territory in which the same may occur.

Elections to fill vacancies. See 1872, ch. 139. Post, p. 61.

SEC. 5. That no State shall be hereafter admitted to the Union without having the necessary population to entitle it to at least one Representative according to the ratio of representation fixed by this bill.

No State to be admitted to the Union without what population.

SEC. 6. That should any State, after the passage of this act, deny or abridge the right of any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, to vote at any election named in the amendments to the Constitution, article fourteen, section two, except for participation in the rebellion or other crime, the number of Representatives apportioned in this act to such State shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall have to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

Number of representatives apportioned to any State to be proportionally reduced, if the right to vote is denied or abridged, except, &c.

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CHAP. XII.— *An Act to authorize the Payment of duplicate Checks of disbursing Officers.*

Feb. 2, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in place of original checks, when lost, stolen, or destroyed, disbursing officers and agents of the United States are hereby authorized, after the expiration of six months from the date of such checks, and within three years from such date, to issue duplicate checks, and the treasurer, assistant treasurers, and designated depositaries of the United States are directed to pay such checks, drawn in pursuance of law by such officers or agents, upon notice and proof of the loss of the original check or checks, under such regulations in regard to their issue and payment, and upon the execution of such bonds, with sureties, to indemnify the United States, as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided,* That this act shall not apply to any check exceeding in amount the sum of one thousand dollars.

Duplicate checks may be issued by disbursing officers in place of original checks lost, &c., after, &c.: to be paid, &c.

Limit to amount.

SEC. 2. That in case the disbursing officer or agent by whom such lost, destroyed, or stolen original check was issued, be dead, or no longer in the service of the United States, it shall be the duty of the proper accounting officer, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, to state an account in favor of the owner of such original check for the amount thereof, and to charge such amount to the account of such officer or agent.

Provision in case the officer issuing the check be dead or not in office.

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CHAP. XIII.— *An Act to admit certain Machinery imported from foreign Countries free of Duty.*

Feb. 2, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Calcasieu sulphur and mining company of New Orleans be, and is hereby, permitted to import, free of duty, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, certain machinery and accompanying implements for the purpose of, and to be used only in, making a series of experiments in mining for sulphur in the parish of Calcasieu, in the State of Louisiana: *Provided,* That the value of such importation shall not exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, and that said machinery and implements be imported within one year from and after the passage of this act.

The Calcasieu sulphur, &c., company, may import free of duty certain machinery, &c., within one year.

Limit to value.

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