

Sec. III. No person except a qualified elector shall be elected or appointed to, or hold any civil office under the laws of this State; but women who are not otherwise disqualified by the provisions of this constitution may hold such offices and vote at such school elections as now or may hereafter be provided by law.

Sec. IV. For the purpose of voting, no person shall be deemed to have gained or lost a residence by reason of his presence or absence, while employed in the service of the State or of the United States; nor while engaged in the navigation of the waters of the State or of the United States; nor while a student of any institution of learning, nor while kept at any almshouse or other asylum, at the public expense.

Sec. V. Voters must in all cases except treason, felony or breach of the peace, be privileged from arrest during their attendance at elections and in going to and returning therefrom.

Sec. VI. The Legislature must by general law designate the count and judges by whom the several classes of election contests not herein provided for must be tried and regulate the manner of trial and all matters incident thereto, but no such law shall apply to any contest arising out of any election held before its passage.

Sec. VII. Every ballot voted must be numbered in the order in which it is voted and the number be recorded by the election officers, on the list of voters opposite the name of the voter who presents the ballot. The election officers must be sworn not to inquire or disclose how any elector shall vote, and the Legislature must prescribe penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof. In all cases of contested elections the ballots cast may be counted and compared with the list of voters and examined under such safeguards and regulations as may be prescribed by law.