

A BILL

To authorize the qualified voters of the county of Prince William to vote on the question of removing the County Courthouse to Manassas.

Whereas numerous and influential citizens of Prince William county have by petition memorialized the General Assembly that the sense of the people of said county should be taken upon the change of the location of the courthouse of said county: therefore,

1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia, That it shall be the duty of the several officers conducting elections in the county of Prince William, at the time and places for holding the general election on the fourth Thursday in May, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to prepare a separate ballot box for each voting precinct, in which shall be deposited the ballots of the then qualified voters who shall desire to vote upon the question of said removal. The said ballots shall be respectively as follows:

For Brentsville.

For Manassas.

Each ballot so cast, which shall have written or printed thereon "For Brentsville," shall be taken and counted as a vote against the removal of said courthouse, and each ballot so cast which shall have written or printed thereon "For Manassas," shall be taken and counted as a vote for the removal of said courthouse from its present location to the village of Manassas in said county.

2. The manner of receiving and canvassing the ballots cast at such election on the question of the removal of said courthouse, and making returns and abstracts of the results thereof, shall conform in all respects to the regulations prescribed by the general election law of this State, except that the certificate of the judges of election shall be as follows: