EXTRA SESSION, 1901.

CHAPTER 2.

AN ACT

To repeal and re-enact with amendments sections 15 and 16 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, tile "Elections," as the said Article was enacted by the Act of 1896, Chapter 202, entitled "An Act to repeal Article 33, entitled 'Elections,' of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, and the several Acts and parts of Acts amendatory thereto, and to re-enact the said Article 33 with amendments, and as such Article was amended by Acts Supplementary to said Act of 1896, Chapter 202; and also to add a new section to relate to Registration of Voters, and to come in after section 25 of said Article 33, and to be known as Section 25 A; also to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 37 of said Article 33, relating to nominations of candidates for public office; also to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 49, 50, 51 and 52 of said Article 33, sub-title 'Ballots and Ballot Boxes;' also to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 54, 61 and 62 of said Article 33, sub-title 'Elections;' also to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 66 of said Article 33, sub-title 'Count of Ballots;' also to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 114 A of said Article 33, sub-title 'Miscellaneous Provisions.'"

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 15 and 16 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Elections," sub-title "Registration," as the said Article was enacted by the Act of 1896, Chapter 202, be and the same are severally repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

15. The Supervisors of Election shall furnish to each Board of Registry, for the purpose of such registration, two registry books which it shall be the duty of said officers of registration to protect and keep safe, and the said Supervisors shall designate two of said officers appointed from different political parties, each of whom shall be charged with the custody of one of said books during the intrvals between the sessions of the Board of Registry until the return of said books to the Supervisors of Elections as hereinafter provided. Such registry books shall be prepared substantially in the folowing form:

Residence and Postoffice Address.	Name.	Age	Nativity.	Color.	Term of Residence: Precinct or District.	Term of Residence: County or Legislative District.	Term of Residence: State.	Naturalized.	Date of Naturalization.	Court.	Qualified Voter.	Date of Application.	Signature.	Why Disqualified.	Vote Challenged.	Voted November, 1898.	Voted November, 1899.	Voted.	Remarks.
240 Ohio ave.	Ames, William	40	Maryland.	White	6 mos	2 yrs.	10 yrs.	Native	.....	.....	Yes.	Sept. 15, 1896.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
205 Cathedral st.	Allen, John H.	35	England.	White	3 mos	3 yrs.	17 yrs	Yes.	May 17, '91.	City Ct. Balto.	Yes.	Sept. 15, 1896.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
131 Clark st.	Abt, Christian	52	Germany.	White	3 yrs.	6 yrs.	6 yrs	Yes.	July 1, '88.	Sup. Ct. Chicago.	Yes.	Sept. 22, 1896.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

In the counties a sufficient number of columns headed "voted" should be provided to last until the next general registration, and in all registry books one or more extra columns should be provided, to be used in case of special election.

——— Registers of voters, ———
precinct or district, ——— ward,
——— county (or city).

16. On Tuesday, seven weeks preceding the election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1896, which shall occur after the enactment of this Article, each Board of Registry shall meet at the place designated by its Board of Supervisors of Elections, and shall proceed to make a general registration of all voters in its precinct or district, as the case may be. The proceedings of each Board of Registry shall be as follows: 1. They shall open the registry in the City of Baltimore at nine o'clock A. M. and continue in session until nine o'clock P. M. on the Tuesday aforesaid. In the counties the hours of session shall be from eight o'clock A. M. to eight o'clock P. M. One of the officers of registration shall administer to all persons who shall personally apply to register, the following oath or affirmation: "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching your place of residence, name, place of birth, your qualifications as a voter, and your right as such to register and vote under the laws of this State." 2. The two officers of registration designated by the Supervisors to have the custody of the two registry books, or such of their colleagues as each of them may respectively ask to temporarily replace him in the discharge of this duty, shall make the entries therein required by this Article, and the questions as to qualifications shall be asked by the other officers of said Board. 3. The name and age of every applicant shall be entered in such registry books, and all the facts of his application shall be therein stated as herein provided, whether he be entitled to vote or not. If it shall be determined by the board that he is not a qualified voter in the precinct, then an entry shall be made in the appropriate column, "no," and a line shall be drawn in red ink through his name, and through all the other entries on the line on which his name is written, but so that the name and said other entries shall remain legible, and if qualified, an entry shall be made in the same column, "yes." 4. Only persons constitutionally qualified to vote in the precinct at the next election, and personally applying for registration, shall be registered as qualified votrs. 5. The headings to the registry books shall be so prepared that the registry shall be made alphabetical, according to the surname of each person applying, and so that the residence and postoffice address of such persons shall appear in the first column. The registers shall be ruled, and one name shall be written on each line, but no names shall be written between the lines. The entries shall be as follows: (A.) Under the column, residence and postoffice address, the name and number of the street, avenue or other location of the dwelling, if there be a definite number, and if there shall not be a number, or if there shall be duplicate numbers, such clear and definite description of the place of such dwelling as shall enable it to be readily ascertained; if there shall be more than one house at the number given by the applicant as his place of residence it shall be stated in which house he resides, and if there be more than one family residing in said house, either the floor on which he resides, or the number or location of the room or rooms occupied by him shall be stated, every floor below the level of the street or ground being designated as the basement, the floor upon or first above such level being designated as the first floor, and each floor above that as the second, or such other floor as it may be; in county precincts it shall only be necessary to give such general description as may be sufficient for indentification. (B.) Under the column, "name," the name of the applicant, writing the surname first, and full given or Christian name after. (C.) Under the column, "age," the age of the applicant. (D.) Under the column, "nativity," the state, country, empire, kingdom or dominion, as the facts shall be. (E.) Under the column, "color," the words "white" or "colored," as the case may be. (F.) Under sub-divisions of the general column, "term of residence," the period by day, month or year stated by the applicant. (G.) Under the column, "naturalized," the word "yes" or "no," or "native," as the fact may be. (H.) Under the column, "date of naturalization," the date of the naturalization, if naturalized. No naturalization papers need be produced if a majority of the Board are satisfied that for three years next preceding the applicant claiming to be naturalized has been a registered voter in this State, and has actually voted on such previous registration; but they shall note his answers to the questions, when and in what court he was naturalized, and also in the column headed "remarks," where and when he was so previously registered. (J.) Under the column, "court," the designation of the court in which, if naturalized, such naturalization was had. (K.) Under the column, "qualified voter," the word "yes," if the fact shall appear or be determined by a majority of the Board of Registry, or the word "no," if such fact be not established to the satisfaction of a majority of the Board. (L.) Under the column, "Date of Application," the month, day and year when the applicant presented himself. (N.) After the answers of the applicant to the questions under the heads of each and all of the above mentioned columns have been properly entered by the officers in his presence in both registers, and not until then, he shall be asked to sign his name upon the same line under the column "signature" in each of them, and shall sign his name, if he can do so. If, however, he shall state his inability to do so, or declines to do so, the officers shall make the entry, "cannot write" or "declines," as the case may be, in the place for such signature. The Board of Registry shall be entitled to receive from the officers having custody thereof the last preceding registration books, for the purpose of comparison and assistance in identification, and if any one shall apply for registration, who appears in such former registry as disqualified, his name shall be entered in the new register, but he shall be marked "disqualified," unless such grounds of disqualification shall have been removed. At the end of the day's registry said officers shall compare the two registers so kept, and cause any errors in either of them to be corrected, by aid of the entries in the other, so as to make the same agree where there is any difference between them. Each of the said officers having the custody of one of said registers shall then sign his name or initials immediately under the last name registered under each letter in the book kept by him, so that no new name can be added without discovery. The said Board of Registry shall keep, on blanks to be provided for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, an alphabetical list of the names, addresses, and color of all persons registered, and a separate list of all persons refused registration, and of all persons whose names are erased from the registry. In the City of Baltimore, at the end of each session, they shall deliver these lists to the police officer on duty at the registration office, and the list shall be delivered by the said officer to the Police Board, and by the Police Board to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, in the forenoon of the day following the said sitting. The Board of Supervisors for the City of Baltimore shall then cause such list to be printed in handbill form, in plain long primer type, and copies thereof posted within three days after each session, in such manner that they may be easily read, in at least ten prominent places in each precinct. Nothing in this Section 16, or in the preceding Section 15 as hereby reenacted with amendments, shall affect the registration in the counties heretofore made under this Article nor require the furnishing of new registry books in the counties, nor in Baltimore city for the supplemental registration for the municipal election in 1901, but the registry books now in existence shall continue to be used as far as practicable and the provisions of said Sections 15 and 16 as hereby re-enacted shall be applied only to registrations hereafter to be made.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That a new Section be and the same is hereby added to Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," sub-title "Registration," to come in after Section 25, and to be known as Section 25A, such new section to read as follows:

25A. All persons who, prior to the passage of this Act, shall have vacated or removed from, or have gone with their parents from the place of their actual abode, domicile, dwelling place or habitation within this State, and shall have taken a domicile, dwelling place, abode or habitation out of this State, shall be conclusively presumed to have thereby intended to abandon their legal residence in this State, and to have surrendered their right to registration as legal voters in this State, unless within thirty days after the passage of this Act they shall go in person before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county from which they shall have so removed, or before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if their removal shall have been from said city, and make and acknowledge before such Clerk an affidavit that when they so removed they did not intend to change their legal residence within the State, but that they had a fixed purpose to return at a definite time, and that they intend to return to this State and take up their actual domicile and habitation therein, on or before six months next preceding the Tuesday after the first Monday of November next succeed the making of such affidavit. The form of such affidavit shall be substantially as follows: State of Maryland, ——— County or City of Baltimore, sct: I hereby certify that on this ——— day of ———, 19—, before the subscriber, Clerk of the Circuit Court for ——— County (or of the Superior Court of Baltimore City), personally appeared ——— and made oath or affirmation in due form of law, that up to the day of ———, or thereabouts, he was an actual resident and inhabitant of the ——— election district of ——— County, or of the ——— Precinct of the ——— Ward of the ——— Legislative District of Baltimore City, that on or about the ——— day of ——— he removed from his said domicile or place of residence in said county or city, and took up his domicile, habitation, dwelling place or abode out of the State of Maryland, to wit (in here insert minute and definite description of the place of abode), that when he so removed out of the State he had a fixed and definite purpose to return thereto by a certain time, and that he did not intend, by such removal, to change his residence within the State, or to return, or not to return to this State, as circumstances thereafter might make expedient; sworn to before me (signature of clerk, seal of court); and unless the persons respectively making such affidavits shall actually return to this State, and shall actually take up their abode, domicile or habitation therein, six months before the Tuesday after the first Monday in November next succeeding the making of said affidavit, they shall be conclusively presumed to have lost their legal residence therein, and shall not be entitled to registration therein as legal voters, and the officers of registration shall strike off their names from the registry if they be entered thereon; and after the passage of this Act all persons who shall vacate and remove from the place of their actual domicile, abode, dwelling place or habitation within this State, and shall take up a domicile, abode, dwelling place or habitation out of this State, shall be conclusively presumed to have lost their residence in this State, and shall, in consequence thereof, become disqualified to vote unless at or about the time of such removal, or within ten days thereafter, they shall go in person before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the county from which they shall so remove, or before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, if such removal be from said city, and shall make and acknowledge before him an affidavit declaring that notwithstanding such removal from their domicile, abode, dwelling place or habitation they do not intend thereby to change their legal residence, but that they have a fixed and definite purpose to return to this State on or before six months preceding the next succeeding election in November. The form of such affidavit shall be as follows: State of Maryland, City (or County) of ——, sct: I hereby certify that on this ——— day of ——— before the subscriber, Clerk of the Circuit Court for ——— County (or Superior Court of Baltimore City) personally appeared ——— and made oath (or affirmation) in due form of law, that on or about the ——— day of ——— he vacated and removed from his habitation, dwelling place, domicile or abode, in the ——— Precinct of the ——— Election District of ——— County (or of the ——— Ward in the ——— Legislative District of Baltimore City), and took up his abode out of the State. (Here insert particular designation of such new abode by election district, precinct, ward, street and number whenever practicable); that notwithstanding such removal he does not intend thereby to change his residence, but that he has a fixed and definite purpose to return to this State on or before six months preceding the next succeeding election in November; sworn before me (signature of Clerk, seal of Court); and if the persons making such affidavits shall fail so to return and take up their actual abode, domicile, dwelling place and habitation in this State on or before six months next preceding such November election, they shall be conclusively presumed to have abandoned such declared intention, and shall thereupon become disqualified to vote in this State, and the officers of registration shall refuse to register them as qualified voters, or shall strike off their names from the registry if their names be entered thereon. The clerk before whom such affidavit shall be made, shall retain, index and record the same, and shall be entitled to demand and receive for each affidavit sworn the sum of thirty cents, and for indexing and recording the affidavit and acknowledgment thereto the same compensation as allowed by law for indexing and recording deeds; such costs to be paid to said clerks by the County Commissioners and Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, respectively. Such affidavits shall not be admissible in evidence as evidence of the right of the persons making the same to registration unless they are recorded within five days from the date of the acknowledgements thereto and a duly certified copy thereof shall be receivable in evidence in the same manner as a certified copy of a deed. False swearing in any of such affidavits shall be deemed to be perjury, and shall be punishable as perjury is punishable by the Code of Public General Laws, Article twenty-seven, title "Crimes and Punisments," sub-title "Perjury." Said officers of registration shall require the production of such affidavits, duly recorded, or a duly certified copy thereof in all cases where they shall have reason to suspect that the person applying to be registered as a qualified voter has lost his residence by reason of his removal from the State as hereinbefore mentioned; and they may also in such cases put any question which they may deem proper to such applicant concerning the place where he dwelt in the county or legislative district before such removal out of the State, his occupation before such removal and since the time when he so removed, and when he returned, and all other pertinent facts and circumstances touching the right of such persons to be registered, and they may require the truth of the answers of all persons to such questions to be corroborated by independent evidence if in their discretion they shall think proper, and if in answer to their question, or upon testimony produced before them, it shall appear to their satisfaction that the person applying to be registered had left the State without any intention of returning, or with the intention of returning at some indefinite time in the future, he shall not be entitled to be registered as a legal voter; provided, however, that this Section shall not apply to United States Senators and Representatives in Congress from Maryland. Any officer of registration who shall fail or refuse to perform the duty imposed upon him by this Section shall be subject to the penalties imposed by Section 88 of this Article.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That Section 37 of said Article 33, title "Elections," sub-title "Nominations," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows:

37. All nominations made by such convention or primary meetings shall be certified as follows: The certificate of nomination shall be in writing, shall contain the name of each person nominated, his residence, his business, his address and the office for which he is nominated, and shall designate, in not more than five words, the party or principle which such convention or primary meeting represents. It shall be signed by the presiding officer and secretary of such convention, who shall add to their signatures their respective places of residence, their business and business address, and acknowledge the same before an officer duly authorized to take acknowledgments, who shall append a certificate of such acknowledgment thereto. If the nomination is by means of a primary election, the certificate shall be signed and acknowledged by the person or persons whose duty it may be, by party usage, to declare the result of such election in the manner prescribed for a nomination by a convention, but no party emblem or device of any kind shall be added to said certificate; and if any such emblem or device should be added, it shall not be printed upon the ballot by the Secretary of State or any of the Board of Supervisiors of Election.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That Sections 49, 50, 51 and 52 of said Article 33, title "Elections," sub-title "Ballots and Ballot Boxes," be and the same are hereby severally repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

49. It shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of each county and of the City of Baltimore to provide ballots for every election for public officers held under this Article in which any voters within the county or said city shall participate, and cause to be printed on the ballot the name of every candidate whose name has been certified to or filed with the proper officers in the manner herein provided by such political party organization or body of individuals; but the said supervisors shall not be required to print any name upon a ballot if such name shall not have been certified to them at least six days before election day. Each ballot shall contain a statement of every constitutional amendment or other question to be submitted to the vote of the people at any election. Ballots other than those printed by the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections, according to the provisions of this Article, shall not be cast or counted in any election except as hereinafter provided. Nothing in this Article contained shall prevent any voter from writing on his ballot and marking in the proper place the name of any person other than those already printed for whom he may desire to vote for any office, and such votes shall be counted the same as if the name of such person had been printed upon the ballot and marked by the voter. Any voter may take with him into the polling place any written or printed memorandum or paper to assist him in marking or preparing his ballot, except a facsimile of the ballot to be voted. Ballots shall be printed and in possession of the Supervisors of Elections at least four days before election day, and a correct list of the names of the candidates thereon with the designation of the offices for which the persons named are candidates shall be furnished on demand by the Supervisors to the candidates or their authorized agents. If any mistakes be discovered, it shall be the duty of said Supervisors to correct the same without delay, and if said Supervisors shall decline or refuse to make correction, then upon the sworn petition of any qualified voter who would have the right to vote for such candidate at the approaching election, the Circuit Court for any county, or one of the Judges of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City, may, by order, require said Supervisors of Elections to correct such error or to show cause why such error should not be corrected.

50. The form and arrangement of the ballots shall be as follows: All ballots shall contain the names of every candidate whose nomination for any office specified in the ballot has been certified to and filed according to the provisions of this Article and not withdrawn in accordance herewith. The names of candidates for every office shall, except in the case of candidates for Presidential Electors, be aranged alphabetically according to their surname under the designation of the office. To the right of the name of each candidate upon the official ballot, and immediately to the left of the square opposite the name of the candidate and in line therewith, shall be added the designation of the party or principle which the candidate represents, as is duly contained in the certificate of nomination or nomination papers. To the name of each candidate for State office or candidate for Congress shall be added the name of the county or city in which the candidate resides. Ballots shall be so printed as to give to each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross (X) in a square at the right of the name of each candidate, and at the right of each question his choice of candidates and his answer to such question. If a candidate is named for the same office on two or more certificates of nominations his name shall be printed on the ballot but once, and to the right of the name of said candidate shall be added the names of each of the parties, or principles which the candidate represents. When the name of a political party is given in connection with the name of a candidate nominated, as provided in Section 38 of this Article, it shall be stated on the ballot to the right of the name of the candidate; but if there shall have been any nomination for the same office by a convention or primary election claiming the same party name, duly certified as hereinbefore provided, the word "Independent" shall precede the party name, if the candidate is nominated under the provisions of the said Section 38, to be printed to the right of the name of each candidate, except presidential electors. If the same party name shall be claimed on behalf of nominations made by more than one convention or primary election and duly certified as aforesaid, the officers by whom the ballot is to be prepared, or a majority of them, shall determine which nominees are justly entitled to the party name, and the word "Independent" shall precede the party name of the other nominee. The names of candidates for the office of Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States shall be arranged in groups, as presented in the several certificates of nomination papers, and the several groups shall be arranged in such order of the surnames of the candidates for President as the several Boards of Supervisors shall prescribe in the City of Baltimore and in the several counties respectively. If candidates for Presidential electors are nominated at large and for the several Congressional Districts, the name and place of residence of the candidates at large shall beput at the head of each group, and the names of the other candidates with their places of residence, including the members of the Congressional District in which they reside shall follow in numerical order. The surname of the candidates of each political party for the office of President and Vice-President with the party name at the right of the surname shall be placed above the group of candidates for electors of such party. There shall be left at the right of the surnames of the candidates for President and Vice-President so formed as to include both names and to the right of the name of each elector a sufficient clear square in which each voter may designate by a cross (X) his choice for electors. All candidates for office shall, as far as possible, be placed in one column, but when the names to be printed upon the ticket are over thirty-six, then another column shall be added in which names shall be printed, and when two or more columns are used the same number of names shall, as far as possible, be printed in each column. A constitutional Amendment, or any question to be submitted to the popular vote, shall be printed in a separate column to follow immediately after the names of the candidates.

51. If at any election there be a constitutional question, or any other question to be submitted to the popular vote, the said question shall be placed upon said ballot in the form following: "For Constitutional Amendment," "Against Constitutional Amendment," "For Proposition," "Against Proposition," and said respective questions shall be placed in a column, as hereinbefore mentioned, so that the same shall form a parallelogram or space where the voter may clearly indicate, in the way hereinafter pointed out, whether he shall wish to cast his ballot for or against the Constitutional Amendment, or proposition, or propositions submitted.

52. Said ballots shall be printed upon plain white printing paper of ordinary book weight, in black ink, and in clear, legible type, and in printing, the names of the candidates respectively, shall be of uniform size, style and appearance throughout the ballot, and type used in printing the names of the parties which said candidates respectively represent, shall be uniform in size, style and appearance throughout the ballot, such uniformity of type and printing to be fixed and determined in the City of Baltimore by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of that city, and in the several counties by the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections thereof, on the back and outside shall be printed the words "Official Ballot For," followed by the designation of the polling place for which it is prepared, the date of election, and a facsimile of the signature of the President of the Board of Supervisors of Elections by whom the ballot has been prepared. Said ballots shall be printed on the same leaf, with a detachable stub or coupon one inch high and three inches wide, above the upper right hand corner of the ballot, and binding on the upper edge thereof, but separated therefrom by line running along the entire width of said coupon. Upon said coupon shall be printd the words "Voter's Name," with a line drawn thereunder, for writing said name, and under the said line the words "Number of Voter" followed by a blank space for the insertion of number. Before distributing, said ballots shall be so folded in marked creases, that no part of the marks or printing thereon, excepting that upon the back, and outside, and that upon the detachable stub or coupon, shall be visible, and so that the folded ballots shall be of uniform width and length, and of proper width to be deposited in the ballot-boxes. All ballots when printed shall be folded as above provided, and fastened together in convenient numbers in packages, books or blocks, so that each ballot may be detached and removed separately. The said Boards of Supervisors of Elections, respectively, shall, four days at least prior to the day of any election in their respective counties and in said city, cause to be conspicuously and securely posted in one or more public places in each voting precinct of their respective counties, or of said city, accurate sample copies of the ballots to be used in such district or precinct at the then approaching election; such sample copies shall be printed on light cardboard or heavy sized paper of considerably magnified dimensions, and one of them at least shall be placed upon the exterior of each building in which the polls will be held, so that the same can be readily seen and examined by persons passing on the street or road.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That Sections 54, 61 and 62, of said Article 33, title "Elections," be and the same are hereby severally repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, so as to read as follows:

54. The Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City shall deliver to the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore City, not more than three days, and not less than one day, preceding the election, the two registers of every precinct of said city, together with the cards of instruction and ballot box therefor, the latter being locked, with the key in the lock, and containing one of the sealed packages of ballots for said precinct, the specimen ballots, the two poll books, and all blanks, indelible pencils and stationery required for such election. And the said Board of Police Commissioners shall receipt therefor, and shall deliver or cause the same to be delivered to the Judges of Election of the respective precincts at or before the opening of the polls on the day of election. Said Boards of Supervisors shall keep a record of the time when such deliveries are made by them and of the particulars thereof.

The Supervisors of Elections of the several counties shall not more than three days prior to every election, and not less than one, make up into sealed packages for each precinct the two registers for said precinct, together with the cards of instruction and the key to the ballot box for such precinct, having first placed in the ballot box one of the sealed packages of ballots for said precincts, the specimen ballots, the two poll books and all blanks, indelible pencils and stationery required for such elections, and shall deliver or cause the same to be delivered to the Judges of Election of the respective precincts at or before the end of the day preceding the day of election.

Said Boards of Supervisors of Election of the several counties shall also at the same time, that is to say, at or before the end of the day preceding the day of election, deliver to the Judges of Election of the several precincts or districts the other sealed package of tickets mentioned in Section 53, said Boards of Supervisors of Elections shall in like manner keep a record of the time when such deliveries are made by them, and of the particulars thereof. Said several Boards of Supervisors in the counties are hereby respectively authorized and directed to make adequate provision for the performance of the duty imposed on them by this section, and the County Commissioners of the several counties shall pay the expenses incurred in the performance thereof.

Should said Boards of Supervisors fail or neglect to make the delivery by the time prescribed by this section, it shall be the duty of the judge, designated beforehand by the Supervisors, to take charge of the ballot-box, as provided in section 70 of this Article, to immediately send to the Supervisors therefor, and to obtain the same as soon as practicable, in order that the election may be duly held, the cost hereby incurred to be paid by the County Commissioners as a part of the election expenses. For failure or neglect on the part of the Supervisors of Elections, the Board of Police Commissioners, or any person employed by them respectively, in the discharge of the duties required of them by this section, or said judges, or any person employed by them to perform the duties imposed upon them respectively, by this section, they shall respectively be subject to indictment for a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by section 88 of this Article.

61. At every election each qualified voter shall be entitled to receive one official ballot. The person applying therefor to the judge of election holding the ballots shall give his name and residence, and the said judge shall repeat the same in a loud and distinct voice; and if such name be found upon the register by the judges having the cusody thereof, they shall repeat the said name, and the voter shall be allowed to enter the space enclosed by the guard rail, and the judge holding the ballots, having first written in ink the voter's name and number upon the coupon attached to one of them, shall deliver said ballot to the voter after having likewise written in ink his own name or initials upon the back thereof, and the two clerks of election shall at the same time enter the name of the voter upon their poll books. Upon receipt of his ballot the voter shall forthwith, and without leaving the enclosed space, retire alone to one of the booths or compartments and prepare his ballot by marking with an indelible pencil after the name of every person or persons for whom he intends to vote and to the right thereof, in the blank space provided therefor, a cross—for example X— and in case of a question submitted to a vote of the people by marking likewise in the appropriate space a cross-mark (X) against the answer which he desires to give. Not more than one voter shall be permitted to occupy any one booth or compartment at one time, and no voter shall remain in or occupy a booth longer than may be necessary to prepare his ballot, and in no event longer than seven minutes in case all such booths or compartments are in use, and other voters are waiting to occupy the same. Before leaving the voting booth or compartment the voter shall fold his ballot without displaying the marks thereon, and in the same way it was folded when received by him, and he shall keep the same so folded until he has voted, and so that the signature or initials of the judge from whom he received it, and the name and number written on the coupon thereof, but nothing elese thereon may be seen. He shall forthwith hand his said ballot to the judge at the ballot box, and shall

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