

Bona fide  
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next preceding the next election, at which such registration would be evidence of the right of the person so registered to vote; and the residence necessary to entitle any person to vote, or remain so registered to vote, and the evidence necessary to entitle any person to be or remain so registered, shall be an actual *bona fide* residence within the ward or district within which such person may claim to reside and to be registered, and such actual *bona fide* residence shall be established upon the oath or affirmation of competent witnesses, to the satisfaction of the register to whom the application is made, and to the satisfaction of the judge or judges to whom any appeal is made under the provisions of this act; and the neglect or refusal of any person deeming himself aggrieved by the refusal of any officer of registration to register his name, or by the striking off of his name from the list of qualified voters, to appeal, by petition, from such action, as provided for in this act, shall be deemed and taken to be conclusive evidence that the said person was rightfully refused registration, or that the name of such person was rightfully stricken from the list of qualified voters of such ward or election district, and the residence herein referred to shall be construed so as to require that the party shall have spent a majority of the prescribed time in such ward or district.

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SEC. 16. Whilst discharging the duties imposed by the several sections of this article, said officers of registration shall have and exercise the powers of a justice of the peace, for the preservation of order around the place of registration; may compel the presence of witnesses for the purpose of obtaining any information necessary to an intelligent discharge of the duties of their office; they shall have power to issue summonses, attachments and commitments, to any sheriff or constable, who shall serve such process as if issued by a judge of a court or a justice of the peace, and shall receive the same fees, and in the same manner as allowed by law in State cases, but the officers of registration shall not charge any fee for the issuing of such process, or receive any fee or emoluments for this or any other service they may perform in the proper discharge of their duties, except that provided in this article.