

office as other papers are filed; and said clerks shall receive and preserve the books of registration; and said clerks in the City of Baltimore shall record said lists, and said clerks shall permit examination of the list of voters and books of registration in their custody, and in their presence, or in the presence of their deputies; and they shall not alter, mutilate or deface, or suffer others to alter, mutilate or deface, the said lists of voters or books of registration, except as herein provided for; and said clerks, when notified by the sheriff that any one or more of the lists of voters committed to his custody are missing, shall proceed without delay to make, or cause to be made, a fair and accurate copy or copies of said list or lists, and deliver the same to said sheriff at least twelve hours before the opening of the polls at the election next ensuing.

Shall receive.

Shall not alter, mutilate or deface.

SEC. 22. The Sheriff of Baltimore city, and the sheriffs of the several counties, respectively, shall receive and safely keep said copies of lists of qualified voters, delivered to him by the officers of registration; and shall, on the second day prior to each and every election, ascertain whether he has in his possession all the copies of said lists committed to his custody; and if it shall appear that one or more of said lists are not in his possession, he shall, without delay, serve a written notification, accurately describing the missing list, on the clerk of the court, that said list or lists are not in the possession of the said sheriff; and said sheriff shall receive a copy of said missing list or lists when tendered to him by said clerk; and said sheriff shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, on the day of each and every election, including the election for Mayor and members of the City Council of Baltimore city, at the polls, at or before the time of opening said polls, to the judges of election thereat, the copy of the list of qualified voters pertaining to the election precinct or district over which said judges are to preside.

Shall receive and safely keep

Missing list.

SEC. 23. The judges of election shall receive from the sheriff, the lists of qualified voters pertaining to their respective precincts or districts, and preserve the same without alteration, mutilation or defacement, whilst in their possession, and shall, within three days after the close of the polls, return to said

Preserve the same.