

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That Section 121 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of 1904, be and the same is hereby repealed so far as the same applies to Dorchester and Queen Anne's counties.

SEC. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 8, 1908.

CHAPTER 576.

AN ACT to repeal Section 71 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Elections," sub-title "Count of the Ballots," and to re-enact the same with amendments.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That Section 71 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Elections," sub-title "Count of the Ballots," be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted so as to read as follows:

71. The judges shall open the ballot box and count and announce the whole number of ballots in the box. They shall reject any ballots which are deceitfully folded together, and any ballots which do not have indorsed thereon the name or initial of the judge who held the ballots, if the voter has marked more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, or if there shall be any mark on the ballot other than the cross-mark in a square opposite the name of a candidate, or other than the name or names of any candidates written by the voter on the ballot as provided in Section 53, his ballot shall not be counted. Ballots not counted for such defects shall be marked "Defective" on the back thereof and shall be wrapped in a separate package and returned to the ballot box as hereinafter directed. No vote shall be counted for any candidate opposite whose name no cross-mark shall be placed, and no ballot shall be rejected solely because any part or portion of the cross-mark extends beyond the square, if the point of intersection of the cross-mark is within the square. They shall open the ballots, and all of them shall be canvassed separately by one of the judges sitting between two other judges, which judge call out each name and the office for which it is designated and the other judges looking at the ballot at the same time, and the clerks making tally of the same. When all the ballots have been canvassed in this manner, the election clerks shall compare their tallies together and ascertain the total number of votes re-