

davits shall be deemed to be perjury, and shall be punishable as perjury is punishable by the Code of Public General Laws, Article 27, title "Crimes and Punishments," 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 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 person 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 questions 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, nor to any judge or justice of any court of the United States, in case such judge or justice was at the time of his appointment to such office, or thereafter became, a registered voter of the State of Maryland, during such period as said judge or justice shall continue in the service of the United States. 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 94 of this Article.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved April 6, 1908.

CHAPTER 614.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 48, 57 and 122 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Elections," and to repeal Section 121 of said Article so far as the same applies to Dorchester and Queen Anne's counties.