

free people of color are desirous to be temporarily absent, they shall respectively obtain a permit in writing from the Orphans' court of the county where the party resides, to be granted at their discretion, only on the written recommendation of at least three respectable white persons, known to be such by the justices of said court, and whose names shall be noted at the foot of such permit; stating the purpose for which such persons are about to leave the State, and the registers of wills of said county, shall be entitled to demand from the party applying therefor, ten cents for issuing such permit, and it shall be the duty of said register to file the recommendations among the papers of his office, endorsing thereon, the date of granting the several permits.

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CHAPTER 284.

An act to regulate the method of taking evidence to be ad-
duced in the trial of contested elections.

Passed March
10, 1845.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the party intending to contest an election for the Senate or House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, shall give notice of such intention to the person returned, within thirty days after the persons appointed to hold the election shall have made known publicly, the state of the polls, unless at an election not in the usual course, but to fill a vacancy, when such notice shall be given within ten days after the state of the polls is announced by the judges of election, and such notice shall be delivered in writing, at the usual residence of the person returned, and if he be absent, shall be left there.

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SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the party intending to make examinations, shall then apply to some justice of the peace of the State in the county or district, wherein the election is contested, and shall obtain a notification under his hand and seal, directed to the opposite party and requiring him to attend by himself or his attorney duly authorised, and cross-examine the witnesses, and to this intent, the said justice shall have the usual powers to coerce the attendance of such witnesses; and the said notification shall contain the names of the witnesses, with the cause of obligation, and state the time and place of examination; and shall be served on the opposite party or his attorney

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