

Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments; and that Section 33 of this Article and Code be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, without amendments; and all to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

2-3.

(a) Each member of the boards of the several political subdivisions of the State shall receive an annual salary of not less than the following amounts:

(3) Baltimore City: \$8,000; these salaries shall be established in the annual ordinance of estimates but may not be less THAN the amount provided for in this subsection.

2-8.

(a) If any judge shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for the opening of the polls, the judge or judges present shall fill the place of the absent judge by appointing in his stead a person of the same political party as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge originally appointed.

(b) (1) After the opening of the polls, a judge may not absent himself until all the ballots cast have been counted and the returns completed. In case of absolute necessity, if any judge in attendance is compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party as himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to the substitute the same oath as he himself has taken.

(2) A judge who is appointed to serve in a district, ward, or precinct other than the one in which he is registered to vote and who chooses to vote shall cast his vote by absentee ballot pursuant to §27-1(a).

(c) Blank forms for the appointment of the substitute judges and the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the board, and the oath when administered shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the board.

(d) The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes and the reason therefor, and the time when such substitute began and ceased to serve shall be noted by the judges on loose-leaf pages inserted in the binders containing the precinct cards; such substitute shall cease to act whenever the judge in whose stead he was appointed shall be present.