

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

retiring member of said board, and he shall in like manner appoint a citizen to fill out the unexpired term of any member dying, resigning or removing from the city. No member of said board shall be eligible to an elective office during the time for which he is appointed. The said board of election supervisors shall organize annually by electing one of their number to be president of the board.

Nominations. Shall prepare official ballot, etc. The said board shall receive nominations for all elective offices under this charter or amendments thereto, and shall prepare the official ballot to be used at all elections held under this charter, with the assistance of two clerks, whom they shall appoint; the members of said board shall act as judges of election. The compensation of said supervisors and clerks shall be fixed by ordinance.

Nomination papers of candidates. **Manner of nominating candidates.** 141A. On the second Monday in December in each year the Board of Election Supervisors shall sit at least five hours to receive nomination papers of candidates for the several elective offices to be filled at the next ensuing election, and they shall give at least two weeks' previous notice of the time and place of said sitting in one or more newspapers published in said city. The manner of nominating candidates shall be as follows: Every aspirant for the office of Mayor or some one on his behalf shall on or before the time of the sitting aforesaid present to the Board of Supervisors of Elections his nominations for said office in writing, signed by at least thirty of the qualified voters of said city, who must also be assessed as property-holders upon the assessment books of the city, and no signature shall be counted if it shall be upon the nomination paper of more than one candidate for Mayor, and if it appears more than once on the same paper, it shall be counted but once. And in like manner every aspirant for the office of City Councilman, or for other elective office, now or hereafter to be created under this charter, or some one on his behalf, shall on or before the time of the sitting aforesaid present to the board in writing his nomination for said office, signed by at least twenty of the qualified voters of said city, who must in like manner be assessed as aforesaid, and no name shall be counted if it shall be upon the nomination papers of more candidates than the number required to fill the vacancies of the offices for which said candidates are nominated.

Shall prepare the official ballot. After the time has expired for presenting nominations, the said board shall prepare the official ballot, and shall cause to be printed thereon in a single vertical column, without device of any kind, the names of the nominees for the respective