

CHAPTER 269.

Passed Mar. 21, 1867. AN ACT to add additional sections to the fourth Article of the Code of Public Local Laws relating to the mode of drawing jurors in and for the city of Baltimore.

Selection of Jurors. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the present grand jurors for the city of Baltimore heretofore selected and summoned for the January term of the Criminal Court of the said city for the year eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and the present petit jurors selected and summoned for the said Court, and all future petit jurors to be selected and summoned for the said Court, for any time during said term as talesmen in said Court, are and shall be in all respects legally competent and qualified to act as such grand and petit jurors and as talesmen, notwithstanding any failure or neglect of the judges or the clerks, or the sheriff to comply with the provisions of the said Article relating to the mode of drawing jurors in said city.

Directory provisions.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all the said provisions of said Article relating to the mode of drawing and summoning jurors, shall be construed as directory merely, and no indictment or presentment for any felony or misdemeanor shall be quashed, nor shall any judgment upon any indictment or presentment, whether after verdict, by confession, or otherwise, be stayed or reversed, nor shall any challenge to the array of jurors be allowed because of any failure by the judges, or the clerks, or the sheriff to comply with the said provision of law relating to the drawing of jurors in said city; *provided, nevertheless*, that if any officer concerned in the drawing of said jurors shall wilfully neglect to perform any duty empowered upon him by law, he shall be liable to indictment in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, and upon conviction shall be fined the sum of one thousand dollars.

Proviso.

In force,

Sec. 3. *Be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.