

CHAPTER 374.

AN ACT to repeal section six of article thirty-five, of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the attendance of Judges of Elections, and section nine of said article, prescribing the oath of Judges of Elections, and section twelve of said article, prescribing notice of elections, to be given by the sheriffs of the several counties, and to enact a substitute for each of said sections. Passed Mar. 13, 1867.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That sections six, nine and twelve, of article thirty-five of the Code of Public General Laws, be and they are hereby repealed, and the following sections be and they are hereby substituted for them respectively: Sections repealed.

Sec. 6. At any election, State, Federal or Municipal to be hereafter held in this State, if none of the Judges of Election appointed according to law, shall attend at the place of election for the space of one hour after the time prescribed by law for opening the election, it shall be lawful for the justices of the peace for such county or city, then present at the place of election, or a majority of them, or for one justice of the peace, in the event of but one being present, to act as judges or judge of election, or, if no justice of the peace be present, it shall be lawful for the voters then present or a majority of them, to choose by ballot three persons being voters, to be judges of said election; and the said justices or justice of the peace, or persons chosen by ballot as aforesaid to be judges of election, and who shall act in that capacity for that election, shall be vested with the same powers and authority as if they had been appointed by the County Commissioners or other lawfully authorized power. Judges of Election.

Sec. 9. Every judge of election, at every election to be hereafter held in pursuance of law, before he proceeds to take or receive any vote, shall take the following oath or affirmation: I, A. B. do swear (or affirm) that I will permit all persons to vote who shall offer to vote at the election Oath of Office.