

208*. The said judges, or a majority of them in each precinct, shall have power, and are hereby directed, to select the places of voting in and for their respective precincts, and to take care that the same be as near the centre of such precincts as may be, and upon an open, public street, in a free, accessible and convenient location, and that no tavern, liquor store, grog-shop, or other place at which liquor shall usually, or at the time, be sold, be by them taken or used as a place of voting; and they shall take all such measures, whether by the erection of barriers, or establishing limits around the polls or otherwise, as may be necessary and proper in their judgment, to prevent crowding at or near the polls, or the interruption of voters in approaching or returning from the same; and it shall be their duty, by proper precautions in advance and by such regulations and arrangements beforehand, or on the day of election, as may be suitable, to secure the peaceful conduct of such elections as may be held during their official terms, and the protection of the voters and the ballot-boxes from violence and fraud.

209*. In order to enable the judges to discharge the duties imposed on them by this article, or any other law, they, and each of them, shall have full power and authority upon every day of election, and until they shall have made up the return of the votes polled, to commit to the jail of Baltimore city, upon their warrants respectively, all persons who shall, within their respective precincts, violate, or attempt to violate, any of the provisions of this article, or any section thereof, or of any other law touching elections now existing, or hereafter to be enacted, and they are authorized to call upon the sheriff of Baltimore and his deputies, and all constables, policemen or other peace-officers, to serve the said warrants; and they are further authorized and directed at the times and for the periods aforesaid, to call upon the said sheriff and his deputies and other officers last above mentioned as well as all private citizens, and if need be to summon the posse comitatus to aid them in suppressing riot, violence, disturbance and disorder, and in preserving the public peace, protecting themselves and other voters, and securing the quiet and freedom of the election and the safety of the ballots and ballot boxes.

210*. Any person or persons whom the said judges or any of them may so summon, or on whom they may so call to execute the said warrants, or aid them respectively, as hereinbefore provided, and who shall refuse to obey such call or summons, shall