

226*. Nothing contained in this article relating to elections shall be construed to deprive the said Board of Police of any police powers, or relieve them from any obligations imposed upon them by other sections of this article relating to the said Board of Police, and prescribing their powers and duties; but the said Board of Police may either carry out the orders of said judges of election, or themselves take command and control, if they deem necessary, of the persons and officers, and assume the conduct of the measures, which may be required to promote the purposes of the preceding sections of this article relating to elections, and the security of the elective franchise.

227*. The provisions of the preceding sections of this article relating to elections shall apply to all elections in the city of Baltimore, whether Federal, State or municipal; and all elections to take place hereafter in the city of Baltimore shall be by ballot, and shall be held and proceed, and the returns thereof be made in conformity with the provisions of the thirty-fifth article of the code of general laws, except in so far as the same may be modified by the provisions of this article in relation thereto, and no election to be held in the city of Baltimore, whether Federal, State or municipal, shall be valid unless held under and in conformity with the provisions of this article in relation to elections, and under and subject to the provisions of this article establishing a permanent police in the city of Baltimore, and defining and enforcing its powers and duties, and under and subject to the control and command, as to all police purposes, of the said Board of Police.

228*. No election to be held under the provisions of this article, and which shall be otherwise valid, shall be held invalid because of any failure of the said Board of Police, or the said judges, to make the advertisements hereinbefore required, or because of any disqualification or want of qualification of any judge or judges of election, or any member of said board; *Provided*, however, that any wilful failure or neglect of said board or the said judges to make the said advertisement, or of the said board to appoint properly qualified judges, whether in the stead of any so disqualified or otherwise, shall be held and taken to be a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by fine in the discretion of the court, on conviction thereof in a court of competent jurisdiction.