

and unless excused for good cause by the Board of Supervisors they shall be bound to serve in such positions for a period of two years.

(e) *Oath.* Following their appointment, all such judges shall appear at the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in the county or in Baltimore City, as the case may be. Each such person shall take and subscribe to the oath prescribed in Article 1, Section 6 of the Constitution of Maryland. Said oath shall be taken and subscribed to before one of the members of the Board of Supervisors, and commissions shall thereupon be issued to such judges. In the discretion of the Board of Supervisors in any county, such oath may be taken and subscribed to upon forms to be supplied by said Board before any officer authorized by law to administer oaths; and upon receipt of any such form, duly executed, the Board shall issue a commission therefor. In Baltimore City and Montgomery County, judges of election may be sworn in by any member of the Board, any registrar, or any assistant registrar.

(f) *Compensation.* The Board of Supervisors of Elections in the several counties of the State shall have power to fix the compensation of judges of election within the limits of the amounts authorized for this purpose by the County Commissioners or County Council of each county, respectively, provided that such compensation shall not be less than \$7.00 nor more than \$20.00 per day for each day actually served.

(g) *Allegany County.* In Allegany County, each judge of election shall be paid the sum of \$22.00 per sitting and not per day in full payment for all services rendered in connection with any primary or general election or return day or days. Each return judge shall be paid the sum of \$5.00 for delivering return sheets, binders and registers to the office of the Board of Election Supervisors, and the return judges for polling places outside the corporate limits of Cumberland shall also be paid a travel allowance of \$.07 per mile for each mile traveled in connection with delivering said return sheets, binders, and registers to the office of the Board of Election Supervisors. In addition, each return judge shall be paid the sum of \$5.00 for appearing and qualifying on the day of qualification.

(h) *Baltimore City.* In Baltimore City, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall have the power in their discretion to fix the compensation of judges of election at not more than \$20.00 per day for each election day and at not more than \$15.00 per day for each registration or supplementary registration day.

(i) *Removals.* It shall be the duty of each Board of Supervisors to examine promptly into any complaints which may be made to it with reference to the fitness or qualifications of any person appointed to be a judge of election; and it shall be the further duty of the Board to remove from such position any judge found by it to be unfit or incompetent for such position.

(j) *Vacancies.* Any vacancies in the position of judges of election shall be filled by the Board of Supervisors in the manner hereinabove prescribed for appointments to such positions.

10. Substitute Election Officials. If any judge shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for the opening of the polls, the judge or judges present shall fill the place of the