

absent judge by appointing in his stead a person of the same political party as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge originally appointed. After the opening of the polls, no judge shall absent himself therefrom until all the ballots cast shall have been counted and the returns completed. If in case of absolute necessity, any judge in attendance shall be compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party as himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to such substitute the same oath as he himself has taken. Blank forms for the appointment of the substitute judges and the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the Supervisors, and the oath when administered shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the Supervisors. The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes and the reason therefor, and the time when such substitute began and ceased to serve, shall be noted by the judges in the poll books of the precinct or on looseleaf pages inserted in the binders containing the precinct cards; such substitute shall cease to act whenever the judge in whose stead he was appointed shall be present.

## GENERAL POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUPERVISORS OF ELECTIONS

**11. Conduct of Elections.** (a) *General Provisions.* The Board of Supervisors of Elections in each county and in Baltimore City shall have charge of and make provision for all elections, general, special local, municipal, State and county and for all others of every description to be held in such county or City, or any part thereof at any time; provided, however, that in any incorporated city or town in the State (other than the City of Baltimore) in which the municipal or charter elections are regulated by the Public Local Laws of the State or the Charter of such municipality, the conduct of such municipal or charter elections shall continue to be so regulated as heretofore or may hereafter be provided by Public Local Laws or the Charter of said municipality and the same shall continue in force therein.

(b) *Rules and Regulations.* The said Board in each county and in the City of Baltimore shall have power to make all necessary rules and regulations, not inconsistent with this Article, with reference to the registration of voters and the conduct of elections. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this Article, all questions arising with reference to such rules and regulations as to the registration of voters and the conduct of elections shall be decided by a majority of the Board.

(c) ~~Judges of Election~~ **SUMMONS OF JUDGES OF ELECTION AND WITNESSES.** The Board shall have power to summon judges of election AND ANY WITNESSES INVOLVED and to require their appearance before them; and to administer oaths and take testimony from such judges- AND WITNESSES.

**12. Notice of Elections.** (a) *Counties.* The Board of Supervisors in each county shall give ten days' notice of the time and place of all elections in each precinct of such county, by advertisements, if it can be procured at the current rate for commercial advertising, in at least two newspapers of general circulation in said county (one of which newspapers, if possible, shall be of opposite political faith from