

member or members of the board shall appoint the judge. If the member or members of the board belonging to the political party entitled to be represented by a judge shall file in the office of the board a statement in writing that a suitable person cannot in his or their judgment be secured in any particular district or ward to fill the position of judge, the position then may be filled by a person otherwise qualified residing in another district or ward.

(d) The judges shall be appointed not later than the Tuesday which is thirteen weeks prior to the STATE-WIDE primary election in any year in which a STATE-WIDE primary election is to be held; and unless excused for good cause by the board they shall be bound to serve in such position for a period of two years.

(e) Following their appointment, all judges shall appear at the office of the board. Each person shall take and subscribe to the oath prescribed in Article 1, Sec. 6 of the Constitution of Maryland. The oath shall be taken and subscribed to before one of the members of the board, or any clerks especially designated by the board for this purpose, and commissions shall thereupon be issued to the judges. In the discretion of the board, the oath may be taken and subscribed to upon forms to be supplied by the board before any officer authorized by law to administer oaths; and upon receipt of the form, duly executed, the board shall issue a commission therefor.

(f) Each board shall have power to fix the compensation of judges within the limits of the amounts authorized for this purpose by the county commissioners, county council or the mayor and city council of Baltimore, as the case may be, provided that compensation shall not be less than twenty dollars (\$20.00) per day for each day actually served.

(g) Judges shall receive a course of instruction in their duties administered by the board. For attending the required courses of instruction in Allegany County, the judges shall receive as compensation the sum of five dollars (\$5.00) for each day of instruction and a mileage allowance for each such day at the rate of ten cents per mile between their residence and the place where the course of instruction is given.

(h) It shall be the duty of each board 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; 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.

(i) Any vacancies in the position of judge shall be filled by the board in the manner hereinabove prescribed for appointments to such positions.

2-8. Substitute election officials.

(a) 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 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. (b) 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