

precincts, so that there may be always as nearly as may be not more than six hundred voters in each precinct, if the equal division of the voters in the precincts of the several wards will allow, and if not, as near to the said number of six hundred voters as practicable; the said board of police commissioners shall make known the boundaries of the precincts by advertisement in two daily newspapers published in said city, inserted in each paper on two successive days of the week preceding the commencement of the registration.

Expenses. 160. The necessary expenses incurred in any county in carrying out the provisions of this article, shall be paid by the county commissioners of that county, and the like expenses in the city of Baltimore by the mayor and city council of Baltimore, the like expenses incurred by the secretary of State, or under his direction, shall be paid by the State by requisitions of the comptroller on the treasurer upon proper vouchers, certified by the secretary of State; bids shall be required by the board of supervisors of election in Baltimore city and by the county commissioners of the several counties, after due public notice, for the necessary equipment of the polling-rooms to fit them for use under this article; the contract therefor shall be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder.

Penalty. 161. A voter who shall, except as herein otherwise provided, allow his ballot to be seen by any person with an apparent intention of letting it be known how he is about to vote, or place any distinguishing mark upon his ballot, or any person who shall interfere, or attempt to interfere with any voter when inside said enclosed space, or when marking his ballot, or who shall endeavor to induce any voter before voting to show how he marks or has marked his ballot, or otherwise violate any provisions of this article, for which no other punishment is prescribed, shall be punished by fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, and election officers shall report any person so doing to the police officer, sheriff or deputy sheriff, or other officer at the polls whose duty it shall be to see that the offender is duly brought before the proper court, or order his arrest forthwith.

Misdemeanor. 162. Any person who shall, prior to an election, wilfully deface or destroy any sample ballot posted in accordance with the provisions of this act, or who, during an election shall wilfully deface, tear down, remove or destroy any card of instruction or sample ballot printed or posted for the instruction of voters, or who shall during an election, wilfully remove or destroy the guard railing, or any of the supplies or conveniences furnished to enable a voter to prepare his ballot, or shall wilfully hinder the voting of others, shall be punished by fine of not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars, or imprisonment