

conduct of elections, and they shall have charge of, and make provisions for, all elections, general, special, local, municipal, State and county, and for all others of every description, to be held in such city or county, or any part thereof, at any time; all questions shall be decided by a majority of the board, unless otherwise expressly provided in this article; provided, however, that in any incorporated city or town in this State (other than the city of Baltimore) in which the municipal or charter elections thereof are now regulated by the Public Local Laws of the State, the conduct of such municipal or charter elections shall continue to be so regulated as heretofore, and such Public Local Laws shall continue in force therein.

REGISTRATION.

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14. Each judge of election in the city of Baltimore and each of the two judges of election appointed before the first day of July in the counties, as provided in section 7, shall also be an officer of registration in the district or precinct for which he shall be appointed, and the judges so appointed, when duly qualified, shall for their respective districts or precincts, collectively, constitute the board of registry thereof. Said officers of registration and each of them, in addition to the power hereinafter conferred upon them as judges of election, shall have during the respective times of the appointed sittings of said board of registry authority to keep the peace and to preserve order and enforce obedience to their lawful commands at and around their places of registration; to keep the access to such place open and unobstructed; to prevent and suppress riots, tumult, violence and disorder, any violation of this article and all other improper practices at and around their place of registration tending to intimidation or to the obstruction of their work; they may compel, by summons or attachment, the presence of witnesses before them for any purpose connected with the duties of their office, and may commit for trial any person committing at or around their place of registration any breach of the peace or other offense forbidden by this article; they shall have the power to issue any of said summonses, attachments, or commitments when sitting in any county of this State, to the sheriff of said county or to any constable thereof, and when sitting in the city of Baltimore, to marshal of police or to any police officer of said city; all such process shall be served by said respective officers in the same manner as if they were issued by a court of record having jurisdiction of the subject-matter, or by a justice of the peace exercising police