

## LAWS OF MARYLAND.

visors at least fifteen days prior to the date of said primary election and shall be published at least once in two or more newspapers published in said county prior to the day of said primary election, one of which newspapers, if possible, shall be of the political faith opposite to that of a majority of the Board of Elections Supervisors. After so preparing his ballot the voter shall fold the same without displaying for whom he has voted, and in such manner that the fac-simile signature and the initials of the ballot judge shall be easily seen; he shall hand the same to one of the judges of election who shall forthwith deposit it in the proper ballot box and the said voter shall immediately retire from the room; but no ballot shall be so received or deposited which does not bear the fac-simile signature and initials of the ballot judge, nor shall it be counted.

Initials of  
ballot judge  
on ticket.

Taking or re-  
moving ballot.

SEC. 13. *And be it enacted*, That no person shall take or remove any ballot from the polling place before the close of the polls; if any voter spoil a ballot he may successively obtain others, one at a time, not exceeding three in all, upon returning each spoiled one. Any voter who is blind or who by reason of physical disability is unable to mark the ballot, or for any reason, may apply to any one of said ballot judges to assist him in the marking thereof. 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 provision of this Act, for which no 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 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.

Offenders to  
be arrested.

Neglect of  
public officer.

SEC. 14. *And be it enacted*, That any public officer upon whom a duty is imposed by this Act who shall wilfully neglect to perform such duty or who shall wilfully permit it in such a way as to hinder the object of this Act, shall be punished by a fine of not less than five dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for not more than one year, or by both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.