

good and sufficient reason, to excuse him to attend and act, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before a justice of the peace or in the Circuit Court for Dorchester County he shall be fined fifty dollars, and shall stand committed until both fine and costs are paid. If any vacancy occur in the office of judge or clerk of election, it shall, if it occur before the day of election, be filled by appointment by the Mayor alone. Each judge and each clerk of election who serves shall receive the sum of one dollar for his services.

Compensation.

To count the votes.

49. The judges of election at every election for Commissioners, immediately after the polls are closed, shall count the ballots cast in the ward for which they were appointed judges, and the clerks shall tally the votes cast for each candidate, after which the judges shall make out, on blanks furnished by the Commissioners, and sign a certificate setting out the whole number of votes cast in said ward, and also the number of votes cast for each candidate. The certificate shall state that the person receiving the highest number of votes is elected Commissioner from that ward. As the ballots are counted, they shall be strung by one of the judges, and when the counting is finished, the said ballots, together with the tally sheets and poll books, shall be put in the ballot-box, and the box shall then be securely locked, and the judges' certificate, the key to the ballot-box and the ballot-box shall be delivered to the return judge, who within three hours after the closing of the polls, shall return the said ballot-box, key and certificate to the Commissioners or to the Town Clerk for the Commissioners. Any person who bribes,

Bribing and intimidating

coerces or intimidates any voter or attempts to bribe, coerce or intimidate any voter at any election held under the direction of the Commissioners of Cambridge, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any justice of the peace, or in the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, shall be fined for each and every offense not less than twenty-five dollars and costs, and shall be confined in the county jail until both fine and costs are paid.

Mayor to administer oaths

51. All officers of said town, except the Mayor, whether elected or appointed, before they enter upon the duties of the office to which they are elected or appointed, shall take the oath required by Article 1, Section 6, of the Constitution of Maryland, before the Mayor, who is hereby authorized to administer all official oaths and to administer an oath to any person who may desire to give testimony before the Commissioners, or who may be summoned by the Commissioners, on any subject, if the Mayor or two Commissioners shall demand that such testimony be given on oath, and any person who shall refuse or fail to appear when summoned, or who shall refuse to answer any relevant or pertinent question, or who shall answer falsely any question, or make any false statement on oath before the Commissioners or a majority of them, or before the Mayor, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof before any justice of the peace, or in the Circuit Court for Dorchester County, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars and