

CHAPTER 61.

AN ACT to provide for the defence of officers of Registration and Judges of elections, who are or may be indicted in the United States Court, for acts done in the performance of duties imposed by the Constitution and Laws of this State; which acts are alleged to be in violation of the act of Congress, approved May the thirty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy, entitled "an act to enforce the rights of citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union and for other purposes."

Preamble

WHEREAS, It is represented to the General Assembly, that indictments or presentments have been or will be found in the United States Court for the District of Maryland, against sundry persons who served as officers of Registration and as Judges of election, for acts done in the performance of duties imposed by the Constitution and Laws of this State, in alleged violation of the act of Congress, entitled "an act to enforce the rights of the citizens of the United States to vote in the several States of this Union, and for other purposes;" which act is supposed to be in violation of the rights of the States in regulating elections held under their Constitution and Laws, and whereas, it is the duty of the States to protect their citizens in the performance of duties imposed by State authority; therefore—

Attorney General to enter appearance.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor be, and he is hereby requested to instruct the Attorney General to enter his appearance and defend the said presentments; and he is also hereby authorized, in his discretion, to employ additional counsel to assist the Attorney General in defending said prosecutions; and the counsel so to be employed shall be paid hereafter for his services such sum as the Legislature may deem sufficient for his compensation.

Comptroller to pay fine and costs

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Comptroller of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and