

timore; the accounts of said officers of registration to be verified by vouchers, and subject to the approval of said Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and said county commissioners respectively. Except.

SEC. 25. The officers of registration of the several wards of Baltimore city shall annually elect some practising member of the bar of Baltimore city, as counsel for said officers of registration, whose duty it shall be to appear for said officers of registration, and against the appellant at the hearing of all appeals from the decision of said officers, under the provisions of this article, and to assist said officers from time to time at their request, by his advice, upon all legal matters pertaining to the duties of said officers; for his services he shall receive an annual salary of five hundred dollars, to be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore Annually elect  
counsel

SEC. 26. If any officer of registration, clerk of a court, sheriff, judge of election or police commissioner, shall knowingly refuse or neglect to comply with any of the provisions of the several sections of this article, imposing duties on him, he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on presentment and indictment therefor, and conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars for every such offence, or be imprisoned, in the discretion of the court, for a period not exceeding three years, or both, and shall also be liable in damages at the suit of the party aggrieved. Guilty of a  
misdemeanor.

SEC. 27. *And be it enacted,* That this act shall take effect from and after the date of its passage. In force

Approved April 10th, 1874.