

Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot and Worcester counties.

1904, art. 33, sec. 123. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 114 b.

125. The boards of supervisors of elections for the several counties shall have power to employ an attorney, who shall also be the attorney for the judges of election, whether acting as such or as registration officers, to receive such compensation as shall be allowed by the county commissioners upon the approval of the circuit court. In the city of Baltimore the board of supervisors of elections shall biennially appoint some practising member of the bar of Baltimore city to act as general counsel for the said board and for the officers of registration and judges of election appointed by them, in all matters and proceedings pertaining to their duties, and to appear for and defend the said judges of election at the hearing of all petitions which may be filed against them as officers of registration under the provisions of this article. For his services such counsel shall receive an annual salary of twelve hundred dollars, to be paid in equal quarterly instalments by the mayor and city council of Baltimore. He may be removed and other counsel may be appointed in his place at the discretion of said board, and whenever petitions filed against officers of registration and pending before more than one of the judges of the supreme bench of Baltimore city at the same time, he may appoint, with the approval of the board of supervisors, as many additional counsel as may be necessary to assist him in trying said petitions, who shall each be paid such sum, not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars in any one year, as he shall certify, with the approval of the board of supervisors, to be a reasonable and proper compensation for their respective services; provided, that the whole number of counsel retained at any one time, including himself, shall in no case exceed the number of judges then engaged in hearing such petitions.

Services of counsel held to be such as the county commissioners were required to pay for under this section. Hence, mandamus will issue. *Anne Arundel Co. v. Melvin*, 107 Md. 534.

Ibid. sec. 124. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 117. 1904, ch. 254.

126. The boundaries of the election districts of the counties and of the wards of Baltimore city shall remain as now established by law, but before the first general registration held under this article, and before every subsequent general registration, or whenever in the judgment of the board of supervisors of elections of Baltimore city it shall be deemed expedient, it shall be the duty of said board to divide and establish precincts in the said wards, as in the judgment of said board shall best promote the convenience of voters; provided, that no precinct upon the basis of the registry of voters in use at the election in the next year preceding that in which such precincts are divided and established shall contain over four hundred and fifty registered voters in the city. In dividing and establishing precincts in the city of Baltimore, the new precincts shall conform to the boundaries of the legislative and