

An. Code, sec. 11. 1904, sec. 11. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 10. 1898, ch. 142. 1900, ch. 464. 1910, ch. 456 (p. 101). 1914, ch. 727. 1922, ch. 195, sec. 11. 1924, ch. 422.

12. In appointing the judges and clerks of election, the Boards of Supervisors of Elections shall designate the persons intended by them to represent the political parties, respectively. It shall be the duty of the said boards to examine promptly into any complaints which may be preferred to them in writing against the fitness or qualifications of any person so appointed judge or clerk, and to remove any such judge or clerk when upon inquiring they shall find to be unfit or incapable. The Boards shall forthwith appoint persons in the manner hereinbefore prescribed to fill all vacancies in the office of judge or clerk. The record of appointment to fill vacancies shall be kept in books as hereinbefore prescribed in Section 10, which books, with the recommendation and protests made to them, and all their other records and papers shall always be open to the inspection of the public. After their appointment the judges and clerks shall be notified to appear at the office of said Board, and shall then and there, after taking the oath of office before one of said supervisors, receive their commissions. The oath of office shall be in writing and subscribed by each one in a book to be kept for the purpose by the supervisors, and shall be in substance as follows: Residing at, in the city (or county) of, in the State of Maryland, do solemnly swear, (or affirm) that I am a legal voter in the precinct of the ward of the city (or district of county), in the said State, that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland and support the Constitution and laws thereof, and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of an officer of registration and judge of election (or clerk of election) for the precinct of the ward of the City (or district) of county, in the State of Maryland, according to the best of my ability, and I do further swear (or affirm) that I will not attempt to ascertain, save in cases and in the manner on which I am authorized by law so to do, for what candidate or candidates any person shall vote or has voted on any question which may be or may have been submitted to the vote of the people, and if such knowledge shall be acquired by me, I will not, directly or indirectly, by word or act, divulge or reveal the same or aid in doing so, save when I am required to do so by law in some legal proceedings.

Provided, however, that in the several counties the judges of election who constitute the Board of Registry, shall appear at the office of said board to take the oath of office before one of said supervisors and receive their commissions. The said judges shall administer the oath of office in form and substance as above prescribed, to the other judges and clerks of election at the registration and polling place and give them their commissions before entering upon their respective offices. No fees or extra compensation shall be charged by or allowed the said judges for administering said oaths. Blank forms for the oath to be administered by said judges shall be furnished by the supervisors, which forms shall be preserved and