

and in which he is a qualified elector. The said councilmen shall be twenty-five years of age, citizens of the United States, residents of Hagerstown for five years next preceding the election and residents of the respective wards for which they are chosen for six months next preceding the election, and shall take the oath of office as hereinafter prescribed for town officers. They shall receive an annual salary of six hundred dollars each and no other fee or compensation whatever.

Rauth v. Ward, 86 Md. 202.

1892, ch. 36, sec. 159A. 1920 (Special Session), ch. 4, sec. 159A.

234. For the purpose of registering the voters qualified to vote at municipal elections in the City of Hagerstown, said City of Hagerstown shall be divided into five registration districts, to be named respectively, the first, second, third, fourth and fifth registration districts of Hagerstown. The first registration district shall comprise ward number one in said City of Hagerstown, the second, ward number two; the third, ward number three; the fourth, ward number four; the fifth, ward number five. The said wards to be divided into precincts as provided by Section 230 of this sub-title. The words ward, precinct and registration district, herein to be construed as convertible terms.

1914, ch. 260.

235. Whenever the number of registered voters in any ward of Hagerstown, shall exceed six hundred, the Mayor and Council of Hagerstown shall have authority, in their discretion, to provide by ordinance for the sub-division of each ward into two, or more precincts, prescribing the boundaries thereof, and providing for a just and fair transcription or entry of the registered voters of said ward upon registration books to be furnished by the Mayor and Council, for the proper precinct of said ward wherein said registered voters may reside at the time of said sub-division of said ward into precincts as aforesaid. In making said subdivision of a ward into precincts care shall be taken that the boundary lines thereof be so arranged as to include in each precinct as near as possible the same number of persons entitled to vote in such ward. All the provisions of law relating to the registration of voters and the manner of conducting elections held in Hagerstown, at municipal elections therein, and applicable to the several wards of Hagerstown as respective registration and election districts, are hereby made applicable to the respective precincts into which any such ward may be subdivided, said precincts to be different subdivisions of the ward for registration and election purposes in said ward, and in this sense the words "precinct" and "ward" shall be taken as convertible terms, in the provisions of Article 22, of the Code of Public Local Laws of Maryland, title "Washington County," sub-title "Hagerstown"; relating to elections in the City of Hagerstown, nothing herein contained, however, to be construed as authorizing the election of more than one councilman from each ward as now provided by law.