

1892, ch. 36, sec. 159B. 1896, ch. 27, sec. 159B. 1920 (Special Session), ch. 4, sec. 159B. 1927, ch. 680, sec. 159B.

236. The Governor shall by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, on or before the third Monday in February, 1929, and every four years thereafter, appoint one person as officer of registration in each district or precinct of the City of Hagerstown, who shall be resident of the district or precinct of which he or she is appointed, and the said officer of registration shall register in books to be prepared for the purpose, all citizens above the age of twenty-one years, who shall have the requisite qualifications to entitle them to vote for Mayor. Every person who shall have resided in the State of Maryland and in said Hagerstown for twelve months, and in the ward or precinct wherein he or she offers to register six months next preceding the election, shall be entitled to be registered in any of said wards or precincts and shall remove therefrom to any other of said wards or precincts and remain therein, he or she shall be entitled to have his or her name remain upon the registry list of the said ward or precinct from which he or she shall remove, as aforesaid, and to vote therein until he or she shall reside in the ward or precinct to which he or she shall have removed and remain therein a sufficient time to entitle him or her to register therein. And wherever in the Charter of Hagerstown or any of the amendments thereto, the word he occurs it shall be construed as including the word she, or wherever in said charter or any of the amendments thereto the word masculine is used, it shall be construed as including the word feminine.

Rauth v. Ward, 86 Md. 202.

1892, ch. 36, sec. 159C.

237. Each of the said officers of registration shall have in addition to the other powers hereinafter conferred upon them, the power of a justice of the peace to preserve order and enforce obedience to his lawful commands at or around his place of registration; to keep the access to such place open and unobstructed, to prevent and suppress riots, tumults, violence and disorder, and all other improper practices at, around or near to his place of registration, tending to intimidation or to the obstruction of the work of registration, or the revision of the registration, and to protect and keep safe the registries of voters hereinafter referred to while in his custody and possession; he may compel the presence of witnesses before him while sitting as an officer of registration for all purposes connected with the performance of the duties of his office by summons or attachment; he may, while sitting as such officer of registration, commit for trial any person committing at, or around his place of registration any offense forbidden by this article; he shall have the power to issue any of said summons, attachments or commitments to any police officer of the city of Hagerstown; all such processes shall be served by said officer in the same manner as if they were issued by the judge of a court of record having jurisdiction of the subject matter, or by a justice of the peace exercising police powers within respective jurisdiction.