

last appointed day of the last sitting of the officers of registration for such ward shall desire to be registered therein for the purpose of voting at a new or special election to be held therein before the next appointed sitting of the officers of registration for such ward, or if any foreign born person shall become a naturalized citizen of the United States, and of the State of Maryland, subsequent to the last appointed day of the last sitting for registration of the officers of registration for the ward in which he resides, and shall desire to be registered therein for the purpose of voting at any election to be held therein before the next appointed sitting of the officers of registration for such ward, or if any person shall think himself aggrieved by the refusal of the officers of registration of any ward at any sitting appointed by law for the purpose of registration of qualified voters in such ward, or for the revision and correction of the duplicate registries of qualified and registered voters in such ward, or by striking off his name, or the name of any other registered voter from the duplicate registries of voters of such ward, or by misspelling his name in such registries of voters or either of them, or by the registration of any person in any such ward who was not entitled to be registered therein, or by refusing to strike from the duplicate registries of voters the name of any person who has ceased to be a qualified voter in said ward since he was registered, he shall have the right to appeal forthwith from such decision or action to the judges or judge of the Circuit Court for Washington County by petition verified by his oath or affirmation, within one week after the day of the sitting for revision; such petition shall fully state the matter whereof complaint is made; there shall be filed therewith as exhibits certified copies of all the entries in the proper registry of voters of such ward which relate to the subject matter of such petition, and the officer of registration of such ward and the clerk of the Circuit Court shall be named in and made defendants in said petition, such judge or judges, of such petition and exhibits show *prima facie* cause of complaint, shall order a summons to be issued forthwith to said officers of registration and to said clerk, directing them to appear and answer forthwith upon oath or affirmation, and in person or otherwise as said judge or judges shall direct; said officers of registration shall not be required to appear in person upon any day appointed by this article for the performance of their duties this article, but at such times may appear by counsel; if the said judge or judges after considering said petition and answer or answers, and hearing such testimony as may be adduced for or against said petition, shall determine that said petition ought to be registered in such ward, or has been unlawfully refused registration in such ward, or that the name of such petitioner has been unlawfully stricken from, or incorrectly entered in the duplicate registries of voters of such ward, or that the person named in such petition has been unlawfully placed on the registries of such ward, he or they shall order said clerk and officers of registration to enter the name of such petitioners, or to enter again or enter correctly the name of said petitioner as a qualified and registered voter, and his residence in the proper duplicate registries of voters, or shall order the said clerk and