

article for his sittings on such day, except by or under the order of the proper judge or judges, as in this article provided.

1892, ch. 36, sec. 159S.

**255.** The clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County and each of the respective officers of registration appointed under this article, and the Board of Supervisors of Hagerstown shall carefully and safely keep all books named or referred to in this article which may come into his or their custody under the provisions of this article during the times appointed for his or their custody of such books; he or they shall at all times permit examinations of the same in his or their presence or in the presence of one or more of his or their deputies, specially authorized for that purpose and not otherwise; he or they shall not, unless duly authorized by the order of the proper judge or judges, alter, mutilate or deface, or suffer any other person to alter, mutilate or deface any of the said registries of voters; the said clerk, when notified by said Board of Supervisors of Election of Hagerstown, that any one or more of the registries of voters in the keeping of such clerk of the court is or are missing, shall proceed without delay to make or cause to be made a fair and accurate copy or copies, certified under his hand and the seal of his court, of said missing registries and deliver the same to said Board of Supervisors of Elections of Hagerstown at least twelve hours before the opening of the polls at the election next ensuing.

1892, ch. 36, sec. 159T.

**256.** The Board of Supervisors of Elections in the city of Hagerstown shall on or before the second day prior to each and every election ascertain whether they have in their possession all the said registries committed to their custody; and, if it shall appear that one or more of said registries is or are not in their possession, they shall without delay serve a written notification, accurately describing the missing registry or registries, or the clerk of the court having the custody of the registry of voters, or registries of voters, that said registry, or registries, is or are not in their possession; and said Board of Supervisors of Elections shall receive the said missing registry, or registries, when tendered to them by said clerk, and said Board of Supervisors of Election shall deliver, or cause to be delivered, on the day of each and every election, at the polls, at or before the time of opening said polls, to the judges of election thereat, within their respective jurisdiction, the duplicate registries pertaining to the ward, or wards, over which said judges are to preside.

1892, ch. 36, sec. 159U.

**257.** The respective judges of election shall receive from the said Board of Supervisors of Elections in the city of Hagerstown the registries of qualified and registered voters pertaining to their respective ward and preserve the same without alteration, mutilation or defacement while in their possession, and shall within one day after the close of their respective polls, in their respective ward or wards, return to said Board of Super-