

1892, ch. 36, sec. 159Z.

262. If the clerk of the court, any member of the Board of Supervisors of Elections in Hagerstown, any officers of registration, or judge of elections shall lose any registry of voters which may be in his or their charge or custody, or if any such officer or any other person shall wilfully destroy, mutilate, deface, falsify or fraudulently remove or secrete any registry of voters, or shall fraudulently make any false entry in or false copy of any registry of voters, or part thereof, or shall fraudulently make any entry, erasure, or alteration in any registry of voters or part thereof, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment not exceeding three years, or by both fine and imprisonment as aforesaid.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 22, sec. 160. 1886, ch. 409.

263. In case of the vacancy in the position of councilman for any ward, by death or otherwise, the mayor and council shall order an election to fill said vacancy for the unexpired term; and said election, when ordered, shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions hereinafter enacted in reference to elections of town officers.

1886, ch. 409. 1892, ch. 55, sec. 161.

264. It shall be the duty of the mayor to publish in not less than two newspapers published in Hagerstown, at least ten days prior to the day of holding any such election, notice thereof, which notice shall state the officers to be voted for, or the object and purposes of such election.

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161A. 1920, ch. 492. sec. 161A.

265. The Governor shall, biennially, before the Third Monday in February, appoint by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, if in session, and if not in session, by the Governor alone, in the City of Hagerstown, three persons resident in and voters of said City of Hagerstown, two of whom shall always be selected from the leading political parties of the State, one from each of the parties, who shall be men of approved integrity and capacity, and none of them shall hold office or employment under the Government of the United States or of the State of Maryland, and they must not be candidates for office at the next ensuing municipal election in the City of Hagerstown, or at any municipal election in said city, within the term for which they or any of them were appointed, who shall be styled the Board of Supervisors of Election of the City of Hagerstown; each of said Supervisors shall hold office for two years from the date of his appointment, and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties hereinafter set forth; in case of a vacancy occurring in said Board when the Legislature is not in session, such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor; it shall be the duty of said board not later than the Third Monday of March in each year, to appoint three persons for each ward of said City of Hagerstown, residents in and voters of such ward, who, or a majority of them, shall be judges of election for such ward from the time