

sub-division and preparation of proper registry books shall be paid by the County Commissioners of the counties in which such sub-divisions shall be made upon proper requisitions and vouchers presented by the Boards of Supervisors of Elections. The boundaries of said additional precincts established under this section shall be made known by advertisement in two newspapers in said counties, once a week for three successive weeks, before the first day of September in each year, in which such sub-division is made, said newspapers to be designated as provided in other cases under this Article where advertisements are required to be made in at least two newspapers; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to alter or change the boundaries or location of any precinct as now established by the several Boards of Supervisors of Elections, and all precincts as now located and laid out or sub-divided by the Supervisors of Elections be and the same are hereby sanctioned, ratified and confirmed; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the several Boards of Supervisors of Elections in the counties of this State.¹

Under this section, supervisors are authorized not only to sub-divide election districts by providing additional districts, but also to change the area and boundaries of those already existing, and to establish new polling places and to have new registry books prepared. This authority may be exercised from time to time as public convenience requires. *Brome v. Dorsey*, 99 Md. 608.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 138. 1920 (special session), ch. 1, sec. 127A. 1922, ch. 318, sec. 127A. 1931, ch. 84. 1936 (special session), ch. 52. 1939, chs. 11 and 735.

175. The Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and the Board of Supervisors of Elections of the several counties shall have power whenever more than 600 persons are registered in any one election precinct or in any election district which may not be divided into election precincts, to provide one additional polling place in each such election precinct or district; and whenever the several Boards of Supervisors of Elections shall designate an additional polling place in any election precinct or in any election district not divided into precincts they shall appoint judges and clerks of election therefor, as in this Article provided, who shall have all the powers, perform all the duties, be subject to all the responsibilities, and be liable to all the penalties prescribed in this Article for judges and clerks of election. Whenever an additional polling place is provided for any such election precinct or election district, it shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Election to cause an additional set or sets of books to be prepared, containing the names of registered voters transcribed from the original books. One set of books shall contain the names of voters whose surnames begin with the letter "A" down to and including those whose surnames begin with the letter "J." The other set of books shall contain the names of registered voters whose surnames begin with the letter "K", down to and including those whose surnames begin with the letter "Z." One set of books shall be used in each of the polling places designated as provided for in this section. All the members of the Boards of Supervisors of the counties or the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, shall sign their names to the books which contain the names copied from the original books for such polling places in the hands of said supervisors, and shall duly certify that such sets of books so copied contain all the names of the persons entitled to vote in such election precinct or district, such said certificate shall appear on the blank line next following the last name in each letter of the alphabetical list of names in the new

¹ This clause is just as it appears in the acts of 1920 and 1922.