

tody only in the manner herein prescribed and in the manner allowed in relation to the records of their respective offices, and in their presence or in the presence of their deputies, and they shall not alter, mutilate or deface or suffer others to alter, mutilate or deface the said lists of voters or books of registration except as herein provided for, and said clerk and register of wills, when notified by the sheriff that any one or more of the lists of voters committed to his custody are missing, proceed without delay to make or cause to be made a fair and accurate copy or copies of said list or lists, and deliver the same to said sheriff at least twelve hours before the opening of the polls at the election next ensuing.

Ibid. s 19
Sheriffs to
receive copies

30. The sheriff of Baltimore city and the sheriff of the several counties respectively shall receive and safely keep said copies of lists of qualified voters, delivered to him by the officers of registration, and shall on the second day prior to each and every election ascertain whether he has in his possession all the copies of said lists committed to his custody, and if it shall appear that any one or more of said lists are not in his possession he shall without delay serve a written notification accurately describing the missing list on the clerk of the court or the register of wills as he may elect having in their custody copies of said lists of the city or county of which he is the sheriff, that said list or lists are not in the possession of said sheriff, and said sheriff shall receive a copy of said missing list or lists when tendered to him by said clerk or register of wills, and said sheriff 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 the copy of the list of qualified voters pertaining to the election precinct or district over which said judges are to preside.

Missing lists.

Sheriff to deliver lists to judges of election.

Ibid. s 20
Judges to return list of election, &c.

31. The judges of election shall receive from the sheriff the list of qualified voters pertaining to their respective precincts or districts, and preserve the same