

dence necessary to entitle any person to vote or remain so registered to vote, and the evidence necessary to entitle any person to be or remain so registered, shall be an actual *bonâ fide* residence within the precinct or district within which such person may claim to reside and to be registered; and such actual *bonâ fide* residence shall be established upon the oath or affirmation of competent evidence to the satisfaction of the register to whom the application is made, and to the satisfaction of the judge or judges to whom any appeal is made under the provisions of this act; and the neglect or refusal of any person deeming himself aggrieved by the refusal of any officer of registration to register his name, or by the striking off of his name from the list of qualified voters, to appeal by petition from such action, as provided for in this act, shall be deemed and taken to be conclusive evidence that the said person was rightfully refused registration, or that the name of such person was rightfully stricken from the list of qualified voters of such precinct or election district.

17. Whilst discharging the duties imposed by the several sections of this act, said officers of registration shall have and exercise the powers of a justice of the peace for the preservation of order around the place of registration, and may compel the presence of witnesses for the purpose of obtaining any information necessary to an intelligent discharge of the duties of their office; they shall have power to issue summons, attachments, and commitments to any sheriff or constable, who shall serve such process as if issued by a judge of a court or a justice of the peace, and shall receive the same fees and in the same manner as allowed by law in State cases, but the officers of registration shall not charge any fee for the issuing of such process, or receive any fee or emoluments for this or any other service they may perform in the proper discharge of their duties, except provided in this article.

18. Immediately after the ordering of any new or special election as provided by the Constitution, except for senators or members of the House of Delegates, the clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which such new or special election is to be held, or the clerk of the Superior Court for Baltimore City, if such election is to be held in said city, shall deliver to the officers of registration of said county or city the books of registration, and lists of qualified voters for said county or city, whereupon said officers of registration shall for three successive days if in Baltimore city, or for two successive days if in either of the counties, commencing not more than ten days after the ordering of such election, at some convenient place to the voters of the several election districts of said county, or of the several precincts of Baltimore city, sit with open doors from nine o'clock A.M. to six o'clock P.M. in the several counties, or from nine o'clock A.M. to nine o'clock P.M. in Baltimore city, for the purpose of registering all persons applying to them for that purpose, who may possess the necessary qualifications to vote at such election in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, and shall proceed to strike from the

Id. s. 14.

Powers of registers

Id. s 15.
New or special election

Time and place of sitting of registers.