

no officer of registration shall charge or receive any compensation for any service performed under this article, except such as is provided by this article.

1882, ch. 22, sec. 4.

4. Each of said officers of registration, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation prescribed in the sixth section of the first article of the constitution of this State; the said oath or affirmation shall be taken and subscribed by each officer of registration appointed to act in the city of Baltimore, before the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, and the said oath and affirmation shall be taken and subscribed by each officer of registration appointed to act within a county of this State, before the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which he is appointed to act; said respective oaths or affirmations shall be entered and subscribed in a test book, to be by said respective clerks provided for that purpose.

Ibid. sec. 5. 1888, ch. 104.

5. The term of office of each and every person so appointed to act as an officer of registration in any county of this State, shall commence on the first Monday in May next ensuing his appointment, and shall continue for two years unless such officer shall be sooner removed from office for incompetency or misconduct, or become disqualified by sickness from performing the duties of his office. In case it is made known to or found by the governor that any officer of registration, appointed by him for any of said counties, is or may be unable to perform his duties under this article, within the time appointed for the performance of the same, the governor shall have the power to appoint a capable assistant to said officer of registration, to serve until the registry or registries of voters and poll-books or lists of qualified and registered voters then in charge of the said officer of registration shall be completed; such assistant officer of registration so to be appointed shall possess the same qualifications required of the officer of registration whom he may be appointed to assist, and shall possess all the powers of said officer; but in all controverted questions, when both officers are present, in which the opinion of the officer and assistant officer of registration may differ, the