

decision of the principal officer of registration shall prevail. The term of office of the officers of registration for the city of Baltimore shall be as prescribed by Article 4 of the Public Local Laws, title, City of Baltimore, sub-title, "Elections."

1882, ch. 22, sec 6

6. Each and every person appointed as aforesaid to act as an officer of registration, whether as principal or assistant officer, shall qualify as such officer of registration forthwith, and shall perform the duties of the office for which he was appointed for the time for which he was appointed, unless removed from office for incompetency or misconduct, or because disqualified by sickness. Any officer of registration who, being duly appointed, shall fail or refuse to qualify forthwith, or who, having qualified, shall fail or refuse to perform any of the duties of his said office, shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars, to be recovered by indictment in a court having jurisdiction of the subject-matter.

Ibid. sec. 7.

7. The governor shall cause the books to be prepared at the expense of the State, which shall be necessary for the use of the said respective officers of registration, for the registration of the names and facts required by this article to be registered; there shall be thus provided for the purposes aforesaid, one registry of voters and two poll-books or lists of qualified and registered voters for each election precinct in the city of Baltimore, and one registry of voters and two poll-books or lists of qualified and registered voters for each election district in each county in this State, when such election district is not divided into election precincts; for each election district in any county in this State, which is divided into election precincts, there shall be one registry of voters and two poll-books for each of the election precincts into which such election district is so divided: said registries of voters and said poll-books shall be uniform in their general character, and shall each be of sufficient size for the uses for which it is intended; each of the said registries of voters shall be so arranged as to admit of the alphabetical classification of the names to be recorded therein, and shall be ruled in parallel columns for the entry of the following particulars: First, of the