

or election precinct, he shall have the right to appeal forthwith from such decision or action to the judges or to a judge of the circuit court for the county in which such election district or election precinct is situated, in which such matter of complaint arose, or to one of the judges of the supreme bench of Baltimore city, if such election precinct in which such matter of complaint arose is situated in said city, by petition, verified by his oath or affirmation, at any time before the time appointed by law for delivering the poll-book or list of qualified and registered voters of such election district or election precinct to which his petition may relate, to the judges of election of such election district or election precinct. Such petition shall fully state the matter whereof complaint is made. There shall be filed therewith, as exhibits, certified copies of all the entries in the proper registry of voters or list of qualified and registered voters of such election district or election precinct, which relate to the subject-matter of said petition, and the officers of registration of such election district or election precinct, and the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which such election district or election precinct is situated, or the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, if such election precinct is situated in said city, shall be named in and made defendants to said petition. Such judges or judge, if such petition or such petition and exhibits show *prima facie* cause of complaint, shall order a summons to be issued forthwith to said officers of registration and to said clerk, directing them to appear and answer forthwith, upon oath or affirmation, and in person or otherwise, as said judges or judge may direct; said officers of registration shall not be required to appear in person upon any day appointed by this article for the performance of their duties under this article, but at such times may appear by counsel. If the said judge or judges, after considering said petition and answer or answers, and hearing such testimony as may be adduced for or against said petition, shall determine that said petitioner ought to be registered in such election district or election precinct, or has been unlawfully refused registration in such election district or election precinct, or that the name of such petitioner has been unlawfully stricken from or incorrectly entered in the registry of voters of such election district or election precinct, or unlawfully omitted from