

1882, ch. 22, sec. 28. 1888, ch. 155, sec. 12.

**27.** Within one month before the time hereinafter provided for the sitting in May, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, of the officers of registration appointed in the city of Baltimore under the provisions of this article, the board of police commissioners for the city of Baltimore shall cause a census of the qualified voters in each of the election precincts into which the several wards of Baltimore city shall then be divided, to be made by their police officers, and to be returned by said officers to the said board; and the said board shall furnish a copy of the list of qualified voters so returned as resident in each election precinct of said city to the officers of registration for such election precinct, on or before the day of the May sitting of said officers of registration, and such census shall be made and returned after the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, in the same manner and within the same time before the May sitting of said officers of registration in said city occurring before each election of members of the general assembly; and copies thereof shall be furnished to the respective officers of registration in like manner as aforesaid.

Ibid. sec. 29.

**28.** Each of the said respective clerks of the respective circuit courts for the several counties of this State, and the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, and each of the respective officers of registration appointed under this article, and the board of police commissioners for the city of Baltimore, and the sheriff of each county in the State, shall carefully and safely keep all books or lists named or referred to in this article which may come into his or their custody under the provisions of this article during the times appointed for his or their custody of such books or lists; he or they shall at all times permit examination of the same in his or their presence, or in the presence of one or more of his or their deputies specially authorized for that purpose, and not otherwise; he or they shall not, unless duly authorized by the order of the proper judges or judge, alter, mutilate or deface, or suffer any other person to alter, mutilate or deface, any of the said lists of qualified and registered voters or registries of voters; each of the said respective clerks, when notified by the sheriff of his county, or, in the case of the clerk of the superior court of