

tice of the peace; and a certificate of every such oath, signed by the person administering the same, respectively, shall be annexed to the poll-books.

**Notice by the Sheriff.**

P. G L., (1860,) art 35, sec. 13 1805, ch 97, sec. 4. 1860, ch. 16, sec 3.  
1867, ch. 374.

**51.** The sheriffs of the several counties, under the penalty of fifty dollars, shall, at least three weeks previous to every election required by law to be held, cause public notice to be given within the respective counties, by advertisement set up at the most public places within each election district of the county, and also by advertisement in two newspapers of general circulation in the county, of the time and place of holding the several elections; but if for any cause said notice shall fail to be given, said failure shall not affect the validity of any election, but it shall be the duty of the judges of election to hold the election in their several election districts, at the time prescribed by law, and at the usual places of holding elections in the several election districts where the last preceding election was held, under the penalty of five hundred dollars for each judge refusing or neglecting to hold such election. This section not to apply to the city of Baltimore.

*Ibid.* sec 13. 1805, ch 97, sec 5 1860, ch 10, sec. 3. 1868, ch. 112.

**52.** The sheriff, under the penalty of five hundred dollars, shall provide, or cause to be provided and delivered to the judges of elections in each district and election precinct of the several counties of this State; and the board of police commissioners of Baltimore city shall, under a like penalty, provide, or cause to be provided and delivered to the judges of elections in each voting precinct in the city of Baltimore, previous to or at the commencement of each election, a box for receiving the ballots, and two separate books for the purpose of entering the names of the voters. All ballot boxes shall be constructed as follows: Each box shall be one foot, outside measure, as near as may be in width, depth and length, strapped and secured on each edge and corner with iron or brass, so as to prevent it from being easily broken, and shall have a wooden lid which shall be fastened with brass or iron hinges and a good lock, and there shall be in the lid a slit just large enough to admit a single folded ballot at one