time, and the sides of the box shall be of clear plate glass not less than one-eighth of an inch in thickness. As soon as the polls are opened, and immediately before any ballots are received by the judges, they shall open every ballot box, used or to be used, and permit all persons present to examine such ballot box and every part thereof, so that they may be satisfied as to the structure thereof and that said boxes are empty. The boxes shall then be locked and the key delivered to one of the judges, and shall not be again opened until the closing of the polls; and until such closing each box shall be kept constantly in sight of all persons entitled to be present, and shall be so placed that the voter offering his ballot and the judges and clerks and all persons entitled to be present may conveniently see every ballot deposited therein.

## Voting.

- P G L., (1860,) art. 35, sec 14. 1805, ch. 97, sec. 12. 1860, ch. 10, sec. 3. 1882, ch 262.
- 53. All elections shall commence at eight o'clock in the morning of the respective days of election, and shall continue without adjournment, and shall be closed at six o'clock in the evening of the same day, and no ballot shall be taken before the said hour of eight o'clock in the morning, nor after the said hour of six o'clock in the evening. This section not to apply to the city of Baltimore.
  - Ibid. sec. 15 1805, ch 97, sec 12 1860, ch. 10, sec 3 1888, ch. 112.
- 54. Every voter shall deliver to the judges of elections in the district or precinct in which he offers to vote, a ballot on which shall be written or printed the name or names of the person or persons voted for, and the purpose for which the vote is given, plainly designated; and the ballot so delivered in and received by the judges of election shall be deposited in the ballot-box until the polls be closed. One accredited representative of each and every political party whose candidates are voted for at each election, to be designated in writing by such candidates, and in case of his necessary absence a substitute, similarly selected, shall be entitled to be admitted into and remain in the polling room from the opening until the close of the election, and a refusal to admit any such representative shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not