

votes at the next preceding general election in any election district of the county, presented to such judge at any time after an election in this State, and prior to the first day of August preceding the next congressional election following thereon, unless a counter petition from said district, larger in numbers than the first, is presented to said judge before the first day of September following, in which event said judge shall either take no action on the first petition, or countermand what action has been taken, as the case may require, to pass an order within thirty days after the filing of said petition with the clerk of the circuit court for said county, directing the said clerk to proclaim notice of a new election, to be held at the next congressional election in any such election district, to determine whether or not spirituous or fermented liquors and medicated bitters producing intoxication, shall be sold or disposed of in such election district; and the clerk of said court shall give special notice thereof to the sheriff of said county, whose duty it shall be, under penalty for neglect or refusal as is now or hereafter may be provided by law for such neglect or refusal in regard to proclamation of other elections held in this State, to give notice of the same at the time he shall give notice of the election to be held for a member of congress of the United States from the first congressional district of Maryland next following the filing of said petition and passing of the order thereon hereinbefore specified.

1878, ch. 462.

**218.** Such election shall be held in accordance with article 33 of the code of public general laws, title "Elections," and the results thereof so proclaimed; and if a majority of votes are cast "for license" in any such election district, then the provisions of section 213 shall apply to such election district wherein such election has been held and such majority of votes are cast; and if a majority of votes are cast "against license," then the provisions of sections 207 to 215, inclusive, shall apply to such election district wherein such election has been held and such majority cast.

*Ibid.*

**219.** Every expense attending any such election shall be borne and paid by the county; and if the judges of election, or any of