

or relieve them from any obligations imposed upon them by law; but the said board of police may either carry out the orders of said judges of election, or themselves take command and control, if they deem necessary, of the persons and officers, and assume the conduct of the measures which may be required to promote the purposes of the preceding sections of this sub-title of this article, relating to elections and the security of the elective franchise.

1876, ch. 141.

272. The provisions of the preceding sections of this sub-title of this article shall apply to all elections in the city of Baltimore, whether federal or state, or municipal; and all elections to take place hereafter in the city of Baltimore, shall be by ballot, and shall be held and proceed, and the returns thereof made in conformity with the provisions of article 33 of the public general laws, title "Elections," except in so far as the same may be modified by the provisions of this subtitle of this article; and no election to be held in the city of Baltimore, whether federal, state or municipal, shall be valid unless held under and in conformity with the provisions of said article 33 of the public general laws and of this sub-title of this article, and under and subject to the provisions of the sub-title of this article, establishing a permanent police in the city of Baltimore, and defining and enforcing its powers and duties, and under and subject to the control and command, as to all police purposes, of said board of police; and no judge of any court in this State shall have or exercise the power of preventing or delaying the qualification of any mayor or member of the city council, or the exercise and performance of their official duties, by injunction, recognizance or any other proceeding.

P. L. L., (1860,) art. 4, sec. 228.

273. No election to be held under the provisions of article 33 of the public general laws and of this sub-title of this article, and which shall be otherwise valid, shall be held invalid because of any failure of the said board of supervisors of elections, or the said judges, to make the advertisements hereinbefore required, or because of any disqualification or want of qualification of any judge of election, or any member of said board; provided, however, that any wilful failure or neglect of said board, or the said