

the city council; and if the said council shall neglect or refuse to order the same, then any taxpaying citizen of said city, being a legal voter therein, may file a petition in the circuit court for Allegany county against such officer, and said court, or the judge thereof, if in vacation, shall pass an order requiring such officer to show cause why his office should not be vacated and a new election ordered; and such order shall be made returnable not more than twenty days after its passage, and a copy thereof shall be served on such officer; and if he shall fail to answer the same, said court, or the judge thereof, in vacation, shall hear and determine such matter *ex parte*; and if such officer shall answer the same, then said court, or the judge thereof, in vacation, shall at once hear and determine the issue raised by said petition and answer, and shall declare the office of said respondent vacant, and order a new election to fill the same, or shall dismiss the petition, as the proof may justify, and may award costs as may appear equitable and right.

1880, ch 133.

93. It shall not be lawful for the owners or lessees of any public hall, church, school, or place of amusement, in the cities of Baltimore, Cumberland, Frederick, Annapolis, Hagerstown or Frostburg, to obstruct, or allow to be obstructed by others, any of the aisles or passage-ways in the auditorium of said halls, churches, schools or places of amusement, by placing therein any benches, chairs or stools, or other articles that may prevent free ingress or egress during the hours that said places may be open to the public.

Ibid.

94. Said owners or lessees, or their agents, are required to keep open at all hours during the time said halls, churches, schools or other places of amusement are open to the public, all doors giving means of ingress or egress, unless said doors open outward from said places, then the same may be closed, but no hindrance, such as locks or catches of any kind, shall be allowed to obstruct or prevent instant and easy egress through the same; and when said doors open inwards, it is required of said owners, lessees and their agents, that said doors shall be fastened securely and firmly open.