

1896, ch. 202, sec 16. 1901, ch. 2.

17. On Tuesday, seven weeks preceding the election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1896, which shall occur after the enactment of this article, each board of registry shall meet at the place designated by its board of supervisors of elections, and shall proceed to make a general registration of all the voters in its precinct or district, as the case may be. The proceedings of each board of registry shall be as follows: 1. They shall open the registry in the city of Baltimore at nine o'clock A. M. and continue in session until nine o'clock P. M. on the Tuesday aforesaid. In the counties the hours of session shall be from eight o'clock A. M. to eight o'clock P. M. One of the officers of registration shall administer to all persons who shall personally apply to register the following oath or affirmation: "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching your place of residence, name, place of birth, your qualifications as a voter, and your right as such to register and vote under the laws of this State." 2. The two officers of registration designated by the supervisors to have the custody of the two registry books, or such of their colleagues as each of them may respectively ask to temporarily replace him in the discharge of this duty, shall make the entries therein required by this article, and the questions as to qualifications shall be asked by the other officers of said board. 3. The name and age of every applicant shall be entered in such registry books, and all the facts of his application shall be therein stated as herein provided, whether he be entitled to vote or not. If it shall be determined by the board that he is not a qualified voter in the precinct, then an entry shall be made in the appropriate column, "no," and a line shall be drawn in red ink through his name and through all the other entries on the line on which his name is written, but so that the name and said other entries shall remain legible, and if qualified, an entry shall be made in the same column, "yes." 4. Only persons constitutionally qualified to vote in the precinct at the next election, and personally applying for registration shall be registered as qualified voters. 5. The headings to the registry books shall be so prepared that the registry shall be made alphabetical, according to the surname of each person applying, and so that the residence and postoffice address of such persons shall appear in the first column. The registers shall be ruled, and one name shall be written on each line, but no names shall be written between the lines. The