

practicable and the provisions of said sections 16 and 17 as hereby re-enacted shall be applied only to registrations hereafter to be made.

*Shaeffer v. Gilbert*, 73 Md. 66. *McLane v. Hobbs*, 74 Md. 166. *Kemp v. Owens*, 76 Md. 235. *Langhammer v. Munter*, 80 Md. 518. *Thomas v. Warner*, 83 Md. 14. *Barrett v. Taylor*, 85 Md. 173. *Turner v. Cowley*, 85 Md. 178. *Ritter v. Etchison*, 86 Md. 206. *Jones v. Skinner*, 87 Md. 560. *Howard v. Skinner*, 87 Md. 556. *Summerson v. Schilling*, 94 Md. 590.

1896, ch. 202, sec. 17.

**18.** It shall be the duty of the board of police commissioners of Baltimore city, between the first day of September and the commencement of registration in each year, to cause a census, as nearly as possible accurate, to be made by members of the force under their command, of the legal voters resident in each precinct of the said city. The said census shall give the address of each person known or supposed by the officer of police taking it to be a legal voter of the city, and a copy thereof for their precinct shall be furnished by the said police commissioners to each board of registry when they meet on the first day of their sessions, as hereinbefore provided. And the officer of police taking the said census shall in every case be assigned to duty at the office of registration in the precinct where he took the said census, unless, for reasons stated in writing by the marshal of police, and furnished to the board of registry in question, such assignment shall be impracticable or against the public interest.

*Ibid.* sec. 18.

**19.** Any voter shall be permitted to be present at the place of registration in any precinct of his county or city, and shall have the right to challenge any applicant, and when challenged such applicant shall be carefully questioned by the board of registry touching the facts which entitle him to register in such precinct, and thereupon, if a majority of the board is convinced that such applicant is a qualified voter, he shall be entered as qualified. Any person claiming to be a voter of any precinct, and who, upon application, is denied the right to be registered as a qualified voter in said precinct may make and sign an application in writing, under oath, to the court, as hereinafter provided, in substance in the following form: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I did, on \_\_\_\_\_, make application to the board of registry of the \_\_\_\_\_ precinct or district of \_\_\_\_\_ county (or the \_\_\_\_\_ precinct of the \_\_\_\_\_ ward of the city