

promote the convenience of voters ; provided, that no precinct upon the basis of the registry of voters in use at the election in the next year preceding that in which such precincts are divided and established shall contain over four hundred and fifty registered voters in the city. In dividing and establishing precincts in the city of Baltimore, the new precincts shall conform to the boundaries of the legislative and congressional districts established by law. The precincts of each ward shall be numbered from one upward, consecutively. The boundaries of said precincts shall be made known by advertising in one or more newspapers in said city once a week for two successive weeks before the first day of July in each year in which such division is made. Such additional books of registry and such copies of the original books of registry of the year 1903, as are provided by the said board of supervisors of elections under the provisions of this section; and the original books of registry of Baltimore city for the year 1903, shall be used at the general elections to be held in the city of Baltimore in said years 1904 and 1905.

1901, ch. 10, sec. 117 A.

125. As soon after the passage of the act of 1901, chapter 10, viz., April 1, 1901, as shall be reasonably practicable, it shall be the duty of the boards of supervisors of elections of the several counties to examine the boundaries of the several election districts and election precincts in their respective counties, and whenever, in their judgment and discretion, it shall be expedient for the convenience of the voters to subdivide any of said election districts or election precincts having a number of voters in excess of six hundred, they are hereby empowered and authorized to make such subdivisions, and to establish the boundaries of such subdivisions in such way as to facilitate and expedite the casting of their ballots by the voters thereof, either by a designation of an entirely new and different polling place, or by providing for two separate polling places at or near the former polling place. Whenever, in the exercise of the discretion conferred upon the several boards of supervisors of elections by this section, they shall subdivide any election district or election precinct, they shall appoint officers of registration and judges and clerks of election therefor, as in this article provided, who shall have all the powers, perform all the duties, be subject to all the responsibilities and be liable to all the penalties prescribed in this article for officers of registration, judges and clerks of election. All the members of the boards of