

governor alone, shall appoint, in each and every county of the State and in the city of Baltimore, three persons who shall constitute and be styled "The Board of Supervisors of Election of the respective counties and of said city." Said supervisors shall be residents and voters in their respective counties or in the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, and two of them shall always be selected from the two leading political parties of the State, one from each of said parties. They shall be men of high character and integrity and of recognized business capacity. Before appointing such supervisors of elections the governor shall request the State central committees, representing each of the two leading political parties of the State in each county and in said city, as the case may be, to designate at least four eligible candidates for the position of supervisor of elections in their respective counties and in said city, and the governor shall appoint one of the persons so designated for any particular county or for said city, unless, in his judgment, all of said persons shall be unfit or incompetent for said position, in which case he shall file a written statement to that effect with the secretary of State, setting forth such fact and the grounds therefor, and thereupon he shall call upon the said committee for the city or county, as the case may be, for another list of six names and from said list and the original list he shall make the appointment.

1896, ch. 202, sec. 2. 1902, ch. 296.

2. Each supervisor of elections of Baltimore city shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars and each supervisor of elections of any of the counties of this State shall receive an annual salary of one hundred dollars, which salary may, in counties having more than fifteen polling places, be increased by the county commissioners, in their discretion, to an amount not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars. These salaries and all other expenses incurred by them under this article shall, upon their requisition, be audited by the county commissioners of their respective counties or by the comptroller of Baltimore city, as the case may be, who shall pay the same by warrant drawn upon the proper officers of their county or of said city.

1896, ch. 202, sec. 3.

3. Before entering upon the duties of their office said supervisors of elections shall each take and subscribe the oath pre-