

election district or election precinct in which he resides, and shall desire to be registered therein for the purpose of voting at any election to be held therein before the next appointed sitting of the officers of registration for such election district or election precinct, or if any person shall think himself aggrieved by the refusal of the officers of registration of any election district or election precinct at any sitting appointed by law for the purpose of registration of qualified voters in such election district or election precinct, or for the revision and correction of the duplicate registries of qualified and registered voters in such election district or election precinct, or by the striking off his name or the name of any other registered voter from the duplicate registries of voters of such election district or election precinct, or by misspelling his name in such registries of voters or either of them, or by the registration of any person in any such election district or election precinct who was not entitled to be registered therein, or by refusing to strike from the duplicate registries of voters the name of any person who has ceased to be a qualified voter in said district or precinct since he was registered he shall have the right to appeal forthwith from such decision or action to the judges or judge of the circuit court for the county in which such election district or election precinct is situated in which such matter of complaint arose, or to one of the judges of the supreme bench of Baltimore city if such election precinct in which such matter of complaint arose is situated in said city, by petition verified by his oath or affirmation, within one week after the final day of the October sitting for revision; such petition shall fully state the matter whereof complaint is made; there shall be filed therewith as exhibits certified copies of all the entries in the proper registry of voters of such election district or election precinct which relate to the subject-matter of such petition, and the officers of registration of such election district or election precinct, and the clerk of the circuit court for the county in which such election district or election precinct is situated, or the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, if such election precinct is situated in said city, shall be named in and made defendants in said petition; such judges or judge, if such petition and exhibits show *prima facie* cause of complaint, shall order a summons to be issued forthwith to said officers of registration and to said clerk directing them to appear and answer forthwith upon oath or affirmation and in person or otherwise as said judges or judge may direct; said officers of registration shall not be required to appear in person upon any day appointed by this article for the performance of their duties under this article, but at such times may appear by counsel; if the said judge or judges, after considering said petition and answer or answers and hearing such testimony as may be adduced or against said petition, shall determine that said petitioners shall be registered in such election district or election precinct