

and ninety, in the same manner and within the same time, and copies thereof shall be furnished to the respective officers of registration by said board of supervisors of elections.

28. Each of the said respective clerks of the respective circuit courts for the several counties of this State, and the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city, and each of the respective officers of registration appointed under this article and the board of supervisors of elections in the city of Baltimore, and the sheriff of each county in the State shall carefully and safely keep all books named or referred to in this article which may come into his or their custody under the provisions of this article during the times appointed for his or their custody of such books; he or they shall at all times permit examination of the same in his or their presence or in the presence of one or more of his or their deputies specially authorized for that purpose and not otherwise; he or they shall not unless duly authorized by the order of the proper judges or judge alter, mutilate or deface, or suffer any other person to alter, mutilate or deface any of the said registries of voters; each of the said respective clerks when notified by the sheriff of his county, or in case of the clerk of the superior court of Baltimore city by the board of supervisors of elections in the city of Baltimore, that any one or more of the registries of voters in the keeping of such clerk, is or are missing shall proceed without delay to make or cause to be made a fair and accurate copy or copies certified under his hand and the seal of his court of said missing registries and deliver the same to said sheriff, or to said board of supervisors of elections at least twelve hours before the opening of the polls at the election next ensuing.

Custody of books, &c.

Notification when missing.

29. The sheriffs of the respective counties and the board of supervisors of elections in the city of Baltimore shall respectively, on or before the third day prior to each and every election ascertain whether he has or they have in his or their possession all the said registries committed to his or their custody; and if it shall appear that one or more of said registries is or not in their possession he or they shall without delay serve a written notification, accurately describing the missing registry or registries on the clerk of the court having the custody of the registry of voters or registries of voters; that said registry or registries is or are not in their possession, of the said sheriff or of said board of supervisors of elections in the city of Baltimore; and said sheriff or board of supervisors of elections aforesaid respectively, shall receive the said missing registry or registries when tendered to him by said clerk; and said sheriff or board of supervisors of elections in the city of Baltimore respectively, shall deliver or cause to be delivered on the day of each and every election at the polls at or before the time of opening said polls to the judges of election thereat within their respective jurisdiction, the duplicate