

officer in the same manner as if they were issued by the judge of a court of record having jurisdiction of the subject matter, or by a justice of the peace exercising police powers within respective jurisdiction.

SEC. 159 D. Each of said officers of registration, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe the oath or affirmation prescribed in the sixth section of the first article of the constitution of this State; the said oath or affirmation shall be taken and subscribed by each officer of registration appointed to act under the provisions of this act, before the clerk of the Circuit Court for Washington County; said respective oaths or affirmations shall be entered and subscribed in a test book, to be by said clerk provided for that purpose.

Oath.

SEC. 159 E. The term of office of each and every person so appointed to act as an officer of registration in any registration district of said city of Hagerstown, shall commence on the first Monday in March next ensuing his appointment, and shall continue for two years, unless such officer shall be sooner removed from office for incompetency or misconduct, or become disqualified by sickness from performing the duties of his office; in case it is made known to or found out by the Governor that any officer of registration, appointed by him for said city of Hagerstown, is or may be unable to perform his duties under this article, within the time appointed for the performance of the same, the Governor shall have power to appoint a capable assistant to said officer of registration, to serve until the registry or registries of voters, or lists of qualified and registered voters then in charge of the said officer of registration, shall be completed, such assistant officer of registration, so to be appointed, shall possess the same qualifications required by the officer of registration whom he may be appointed to assist, and shall possess all the powers of said officer, but in all controverted questions, when both officers are present, in which the opinion of the officer and assistant officer of registration may differ, the decision of the principal officer of registration shall prevail.

Term
of Office.

Assistant.

Decision.

SEC. 159 F. Each and every person appointed as aforesaid, to act as an officer of registration, whether as principal or assistant officer, shall qualify as such officer of registration forthwith, and shall perform the duties of the office for which he was appointed for the time for which he was appointed, unless removed from office for incompetency or misconduct, or because disqualified by sickness. Any officer of registration who, being duly appointed, shall fail

Qualify.