

meanor, and upon conviction therefor shall be subject to the penalties prescribed by Section 104 of this Article.

68. The judges of elections and each of them, shall have authority to keep the peace and to cause any person to be arrested for any breach of the peace, or for any breach of the election laws, or any interference with the progress of an election, or of the canvass of the ballots or the ascertainment and transcription of the votes recorded on the voting machines; and it shall be the duty of all officers of the law present to obey the order of any judge of election, and an officer making an arrest by the direction of any judge shall be protected in so doing as fully as if a warrant had been issued to him to make such arrest.

69. The polling places shall be opened by the judges of election at 6 o'clock A. M. in the City of Baltimore, and shall be kept open until 6 o'clock P. M. of the same day, at which time the polls shall be closed, and in the counties the polling places shall be opened at 7 A. M. and shall be kept open until 7 P. M., at which time the polls shall be closed; except that in Garrett, Washington, Carroll, Montgomery, Calvert and Delmar District of Wicomico, the polling places shall be open at 6 o'clock A. M., and in Talbot County and Dorchester County the polling places shall not be opened until 8 A. M. If any judge or clerk shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for opening the polls the judge or judges present shall fill the place of the absent judge or clerk by appointing in his stead a person of the same political party as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge or clerk originally appointed. After the opening of the polls no judge or clerk shall absent himself therefrom until all the ballots cast shall have been counted and the returns completed. If, in case of absolute necessity, any judge or clerk in attendance shall be compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party with himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to such substitute the same oath as he himself has taken. Blank forms for the appointment of the substitute judges and clerks and the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the Supervisors, and the oath when administered shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the supervisors. The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes and the reason therefor, and the time when such substitute began and ceased to serve shall be noted by the judges in the poll books of the precinct or on loose-leaf pages inserted in the binders containing the precinct cards; such substitute shall cease to act whenever the judge or clerk in whose stead he was appointed shall be present.