

ments of officers of registration in said city, to the said respective groups of election precincts, shall be controlled by a careful consideration of the fitness of each officer to perform the duties to which he is assigned; at each regular session of the General Assembly to be held after the present session, he shall appoint one officer of registration for each ward in the city of Baltimore, as then laid out, competent for the duties which he is required to perform, who shall be, when so appointed, a resident of the ward for which he is appointed.

Fitness carefully considered.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted*, That each of the said officers of registration shall have, in addition to the other powers conferred upon him by this act, or which may be hereafter conferred upon him by law during the respective times of his appointed sittings under the provisions of this act, the powers of a justice of the peace to preserve order and enforce obedience to his lawful commands at or around his place of registration; to keep the access to such place open and unobstructed; to prevent and suppress riots, tumult, violence and disorder, and all other improper practices at, around or near to his place of registration tending to intimidation or to the obstruction of the work of registration or of the revision of the registration, and to protect and keep safe the registries of voters or poll books hereinafter referred to while in his custody and possession; he may compel the presence of witnesses before him while sitting as an officer of registration, for all purposes connected with the performance of the duties of his office, by summons and attachments; he may, while sitting as such officer of registration, commit for trial any person committing, at or around his place of registration, any offence forbidden by this act; he shall have the power to issue any of said summons, attachments or commitments when sitting in any county of this State, to the sheriff of said county or to any constable thereof, and when sitting in the city of Baltimore to the marshal of police or to any police officer of said city; all such processes shall be served by said respective officers 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 such respective jurisdictions. The

Additional power.

Suppress disorder.

Summons witnesses.

May commit.

Who to serve processes.