

transcribe into said new registries the names of all registered voters then appearing as qualified voters upon the registries delivered as aforesaid, the second year preceding the delivery of said new registries; and the said officers of registration shall transcribe in the registries delivered to them, respectively, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the names of all registered voters then appearing upon the registries delivered to the officers of registration for said Hagerstown in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

159 I. The said officers of registration, appointed for any registration district in the city of Hagerstown, shall endorse upon the back and write at the head of each registry of voters delivered to him, as aforesaid, the number of the ward of which such books may be, respectively, the registries of said voters; and shall sit for the purpose of ascertaining and registering in the said two duplicate registries of voters of each of the wards of which they may be officers of registration, at some place to be selected by him, as convenient as possible to all residents of said wards, for three successive days in March in each year; said sittings to begin on the second Monday in March, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and on the first Monday in March in each year thereafter. They shall also sit on the second Wednesday after the second Monday in March, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and on the second Wednesday after the first Monday in March in each year thereafter, for the hearing of applications for reinstatement by persons whose names shall have been stricken off; the said respective officers of registration shall sit at said several sittings with open doors from nine o'clock A. M. to nine o'clock P. M. on each day of their sessions, and their proceedings, while so sitting, shall be public and open to free inspection, without any obstruction whatever.

159 J. The several officers of registration shall give in each year a collective notice, signed by them, of their said respective sittings, to be held in said year, under the provisions of this Article, and of the place of sitting in each ward, and of the times at which each of said respective sittings shall take place; said notice shall be given by said officers of registration four days before the first day of their respective sittings, by publication in two newspapers published in Hagerstown of opposite political opinions, and by handbills set up in such public places in each registration district as each of said officers of registration shall select in their respective districts.