

the office, but the compensation of such assistants to be paid by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, upon requisition by the said supervisors, shall not exceed the sum of one thousand dollars in any one year.

JUDGES AND CLERKS OF ELECTION.

Appointment
of judges
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7. In each year the Board of Supervisors of Elections in the city of Baltimore shall select, before the first day of July, four judges of election, and before the fifteenth day of September, two clerks, for each election precinct in said city, taking two of such judges and one of such clerks from each of the two leading political parties of the State. The boards of supervisors in the several counties, in each year in which an election in November is to be held in their respective counties, shall select, before the first day of July, two judges of election, and before the fifteenth day of September, two more judges of election and two clerks for each election district in their respective counties, or, where a district is divided into voting precincts, for each voting precinct in such district, taking one of such judges and one of such clerks, in making each such selection, and for each such voting precinct or district, from each of the two leading political parties of the State, so that such parties shall be equally represented at all times among said election officers. It shall not be necessary to appoint new or special judges or clerks of election for any election not held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, whether general, special, local or municipal, and whether such election be held in the whole State or in any county or part thereof; but the judges and clerks appointed under this article for the preceding November election shall discharge the duties of said judges and clerks of election, respectively, within their several precincts or districts wherein such election shall be held. Each judge and each clerk must be a legal voter residing in the precinct or district, as the case may be, for which he is selected—a man of good capacity and character—able to speak, read and write the English language, and skilled in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic, not holding any other public office or employment, and not a candidate for any office at the next election; provided, that in the city of Baltimore, whenever all three supervisors shall file in their office a sworn statement, in writing, that suitable persons cannot, in their judgment, be secured in any particular precinct for some of the offices to be filled, such offices may be in such case filled by persons otherwise qualified residing in another precinct in the same ward.