

and the precincts for which they are selected, by causing the same in the several counties, to be published once a week for two successive weeks, in two or more newspapers in each county, one of which papers, if possible, shall be of opposite political faith from that of a majority of such supervisors; and if no newspaper be published in such county, then by posting such notice in three of the most public places in such county and in Baltimore city, to be published on two successive days in all the daily papers printed in the English language in said city, which shall be willing to publish the same at their current rates for advertising. Said board, in appointing judges and clerks, and in the notice thereof, shall designate the persons intended by them to represent the political parties, respectively. It shall be the duty of the said board to examine promptly into any complaints which may be preferred to them in writing against the fitness or qualifications of any person so appointed judge or clerk, and to remove any such judge or clerk, whom, upon inquiry, they shall find to be unfit or incapable. The board shall forthwith appoint persons in the manner hereinbefore prescribed to fill all vacancies in the office of judge or clerk, and shall immediately make public the names of such persons so appointed by advertisement, as nearly as may be, as hereinbefore provided, for the original appointment. The record of appointments to fill vacancies shall be kept in the books hereinbefore prescribed in section 9, which books, with the recommendations and protests made to them, and all their other records and papers shall always be open to the inspection of the public. After notice, as aforesaid, of their appointment, the judges and clerks shall again be notified to appear at the office of said board, and shall then and there, after taking the oath of office before one of said supervisors, receive their commissions. The oath of office shall be in writing and subscribed by each one in a book to be kept for the purpose by the supervisors, and shall be in substance as follows: "I, _____, residing at _____, in the city (or county of) _____, in the State of Maryland, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am a legal voter in the _____ precinct of the _____ ward of the city of _____, (or _____ district of _____ county,) in the said State; that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the constitution and laws thereof; and that I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of an officer of registration and of judge of election (or clerk of election) for the _____ precinct of the _____ ward of the city of _____, (or district

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