

CHAP. 296.
Penalty for
violation.

offence in any primary election as herein provided for, shall be deemed guilty of the same crime of which his offence is made to consist by and under the general election law, and particularly under any of the above mentioned sections thereof, and shall be liable to the same punishment or penalty as is prescribed for such offence by the general election law or by any of said sections thereof; provided, that none of the provisions of this Act, relating to the holding and conduct of primary elections, shall be applicable to primary elections for the nomination of congressional candidates in congressional districts which are now, or shall be composed partly of counties and partly of portions of Baltimore city; and provided further, that the primary election law in force in Baltimore city prior to the passage of this Act shall continue in force, and shall apply only to primary elections for congressional candidates held in those portions of Baltimore city which form a part of, and are embraced in, the Second and Fifth congressional districts.

How election
for Mayor
and
City Council
shall be held.

153. Primary elections for Mayor and Members of the City Council of Baltimore shall be held in all respects according to the foregoing provisions, except that the day for holding the same shall be the first Tuesday of April of the year in which the municipal elections in said city of Baltimore are to be held.

And at every general registration held in Baltimore city and in the several counties of this State subsequent to the passage of this Act, there shall be provided in the registration books an additional column, headed "Party Affiliation," and the board of registers shall enter in this column the name of the political party, if any, to which the voter is inclined and with which the voter desires to have himself recorded as affiliated. It shall be the duty of the board of registry to explain to each voter that the statement of such party affiliation does not bind him to vote for the candidate of such party at any given election; also, that he has the right to decline to state any party affiliation, but that no one who is not recorded upon the registry as affiliated with a particular political party will be qualified to vote at subsequent primary elections of said political party. Whenever a voter declines to state his party affiliation, the word "Declined" shall be written opposite his name under such column, so that there shall be written in such column, opposite the name of every registered voter, either his party affiliation or the word "Declined." And in all primary elections thereafter held, any person so registered as affiliated with a given political party, shall have the right to receive and vote the official ballot of that party and of no other. And at any intermediate registration subsequent to the close

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stated, etc.