

appointed; and the said respective officers of registration, on receiving the same, shall immediately receipt therefor to the Mayor; and in the same manner on the first Monday in March, in the year nineteen hundred and four, and on the same date every four years thereafter, similar registries shall be delivered to said respective officers of registration, who shall accurately transcribe into new registries (to be furnished by the Mayor in the same manner as other registries are required to be furnished by section 159 a of this Article.) The names of all registered voters then appearing as qualified voters upon the old registries delivered, as aforesaid, the year preceding the delivery of said new registries.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Effective.

Approved March 2, 1898.

CHAPTER 10.

AN ACT to provide for the re-division of the City of Baltimore into wards.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall be the duty of the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City to proceed forthwith to divide and lay off the city of Baltimore into twenty-four wards, to be each as regular and compact in form as may be practicable, and having, according to the police census taken in December, 1897, as nearly as may reasonably be practicable, equal population, and in such manner that no ward shall exceed or fall short by more than fifteen per cent. the number of inhabitants it would contain if it was so laid off as to include within its boundaries precisely one twenty-fourth of the aggregate population of the city, and the said Board of Supervisors shall number the said wards from one to twenty-four consecutively. Divided into twenty-four wards.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That when the said twenty-four wards are so laid out by the said Board of Supervisors of Elections of the city of Baltimore, as hereinbefore directed, it shall be the duty of the said board to make or cause to be made, in a proper book, a careful description of the boundaries of each of the said wards, so numbered as aforesaid, under its proper number, and after making a careful and exact copy of the same in another proper book, and after verifying the said original book and the said copy by their signatures, to deposit the original book in the clerk's office of the Superior Court of Wards to be described and numbered.