

sioners or Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and shall, by the next mail, forward a duplicate certificate of the number of votes cast, the number cast for each candidate and the office for which cast to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the particular county or the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city.

8. That it shall be the duty of the return Judges of the several counties, as soon as they shall be notified of the reception of these returns, and within ten days after such general election was held, to assemble, as now required by law, to count the votes of said counties or the city of Baltimore *respectfully*, then and there to complete all things connected with said election as now required by law.

Duty of Return Judges.

CHAPTER 125.

AN ACT to heal Deeds of Manumission defectively executed or omitted to be recorded.

Passed March 23, 1866.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That all deeds of manumission executed before the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and acknowledged by the party executing the same before a Justice of the Peace of this State, under which the negroes thereby intended to be manumitted have been in actual enjoyment of freedom, shall be held to have the same effect from the time of the execution thereof as if the same had been attested by two witnesses and recorded, and had been in other respects in conformity with the then existing provisions of law.

Deeds of manumission.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That that this act shall take effect from the time of its passage.

In force.