

CHAPTER 174.

Passed March 24, 1865. AN ACT relating to the Registration of the Voters of the State.

Officers of Registration to be appointed.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there shall be appointed by the Governor, from among the citizens of the State most known for loyalty, firmness and uprightness, three persons for each ward in the city of Baltimore, and for each election district in the several counties of the State, who shall be styled officers of registration, who shall register the names of all free white male persons claiming and entitled to the right of elective franchise, resident in, or temporarily absent from the several wards of the city of Baltimore and the several election districts in the counties, in the manner herein prescribed, and the said officers of registration shall receive for their services the sum of three dollars for each and every day occupied and required in discharging the duties imposed on them under this act, any two of whom shall be competent to act, and any vacancies in any board shall be filled by the Governor from among the citizens of the State as hereinafter provided. All officers of registration before entering upon the discharge of their duties as such, shall take the oath prescribed in the Constitution, and subscribe the same in the book of registration for their respective wards or election districts.

Duties of officers of Registration.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Governor shall appoint three persons as officers of registration, whose duty it shall be to register the soldiers of this State in the military service of the United States, and such persons in the naval service of the United States as may be stationed at convenient and accessible posts, who are absent from their regular places of voting on account of such service; and it shall be the duty of said officers of registration to visit the different regiments, camps and hospitals or other posts where said soldiers may be, for the purpose of ascertaining and registering all such as shall or may be qualified to vote according to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of this State, and said officers of registration shall perform said duty