

CHAP. 77. from the city of Baltimore; and whereas, upon a question of such moment to the citizens of said county, it is right and proper that the opinion of the majority should be distinctly ascertained, for the information of the Legislature:—Therefore,

Sheriff to give notice

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of Baltimore county, and he is hereby enjoined and required, under the penalty of five hundred dollars, current money, for at least three successive weeks, next immediately preceding the first Monday of October next, to give public notice, by advertisement in two newspapers printed in the city of Baltimore, and by hand-bills, to be set up, at least three weeks prior to the said limited day, at the respective places of holding elections, in the several election districts of said county, that a separate poll will be opened by the judges of election, or such one or more of them, as shall attend and act, in such election district of said county, on said first Monday of October, for the purpose of taking the sense of the people of said county, upon the propriety of separating said county from the city of Baltimore.

Separate poll open

Object

Duty of Judges of Election to receive votes

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the judge or judges of election, who shall qualify and act in the several election districts of said county, at the time of holding the next election for Delegates to represent said county in the next of General Assembly, to receive and deposite in a separate box, to be provided by the said Sheriff for that purpose, the ballot of each and every person, legally qualified to vote in such district, for members of the House of Delegates, who shall personally appear before him or them, during the time the polls are actually kept open, and offer to vote on the said question of proposed separation; and to cause to be entered in a separate book, to be provided for that purpose, by the said Sheriff, the name of each and every voter, who shall actually vote on said question of proposed separation; and immediately after ascertaining the result of the votes for Delegates, it shall be the duty of such judge or judges to open the said ballot-box, and publicly to count the ballots which shall have been deposited therein, and to certify the result, under his hand and seal, or under their hands and seals, to the Clerk of Baltimore coun-

Separate books

Make returns