

161-A. The Governor shall, biennially, before the Third Monday in February, appoint by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, if in session, and if not in session, by the Governor alone, in the City of Hagerstown, three persons resident in and voters of said City of Hagerstown, two of whom shall always be selected from the leading political parties of the State, one from each of the parties, who shall be men of approved integrity and capacity, and none of them shall hold office or employment under the Government of the United States or of the State of Maryland, and they must not be candidates for office at the next ensuing municipal election in the City of Hagerstown, or at any municipal election in said city, within the term for which they or any of them were appointed, who shall be styled the Board of Supervisors of Election of the City of Hagerstown; each of said Supervisors shall hold office for two years from the date of his appointment, and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties hereinafter set forth; in case of a vacancy occurring in said Board when the Legislature is not in session, such vacancy shall be filled by the Governor; it shall be the duty of said board not later than the Third Monday of March in each year, to appoint three persons for each ward of said City of Hagerstown, residents in and voters of such ward, who, or a majority of them, shall be judges of election for such ward from the time of their appointment and until a new appointment shall have been made; and it shall be the duty of said Board in making the appointment of such judges of election to select at least one of the said judges for each ward from among those of the leading political parties different from themselves or a majority of themselves; if any of the said judges shall die, resign or remove out of the ward for which he was appointed, or become otherwise, in the opinion of said Board, disqualified to act as such judge of election, then the Board of Supervisors of Election shall appoint a person as judge for the ward in which each vacancy may occur: the said Board of Supervisors of election shall record every appointment so made in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall make out a warrant for such appointment and shall within two days thereafter deliver unto the Chief of Police of the City of Hagerstown, under the penalty of fifty dollars, who shall deliver such warrant to the person appointed as such judge of election, or leave the same at his