

clerks of election for any special election; but the judges and clerks appointed under this Article for the preceding election shall discharge the duties of said judges and clerks of election, respectively, within their several precincts or districts wherein such election shall be held. Each judge and each clerk must be a legal voter residing in the precinct or district, as the case may be, for which he is selected, a man of good capacity and character, able to speak, read and write the English language, and skilled in the four fundamental rules of arithmetic, not holding any other public office or employment, and not a candidate for any office at the next election; provided, that in the City of Baltimore whenever all three supervisors shall file in their office a sworn statement in writing that suitable persons cannot, in their judgment be secured in any particular precinct for some of the offices to be filled, such offices may in such case be filled by persons otherwise qualified residing in another precinct of the same ward.

9. Each person selected as judge or clerk by the Board of Supervisors shall be promptly notified of the fact of his selection, with directions to appear within the time fixed in the notice before the board for the purpose of examination; and if, upon examination, he is found qualified, he shall, unless excused by the supervisors for good cause, be appointed by the supervisors and shall be bound to serve as such officer for the term of two years. The supervisors shall keep books in which shall be written down the names of all the judges and clerks so appointed, the date and manner of notice to them to appear, and whether or not they appear, and, if appearing, whether they were appointed, rejected or excused, and if rejected or excused, the reasons therefor. No person shall be compelled to serve as judge or clerk for one year after the expiration of his term of service, and all persons so serving shall be exempt from jury duty during the term of their service and for one year thereafter. Any person so selected and notified to appear for examination who shall not appear before the board as required, or shall refuse to serve, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars nor more than three hundred dollars, unless it shall appear that he was not qualified for such service by reason of ill-health, infirmity or old age. It shall be the duty of the supervisors to notify the State's Attorney of the county or city of Baltimore of the failure, refusal or neglect of any person, and to require the State's Attorney to institute proceedings for such penalty at the next term of court.