

name shall be counted if it shall be upon the nomination paper of more candidates than are required to fill the vacancies. All such nomination papers shall be accompanied by an affidavit or affidavits certified by and signed by the affiant that the signers thereto are registered voters of the City.

SEC. 21. Any person whose name has been presented as a candidate for any office may cause his name to be withdrawn from nomination by request in writing, signed by him and acknowledged before an officer qualified to take acknowledgments, filed with the said Board of Election Supervisors, and no name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballots.

#### CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS AND RETURNS

SEC. 22. Regardless of the manner in which the City is subdivided into precincts for National, State or County elections, there shall be no such division in the instance of City elections, all regulations concerning the latter of which are within the sole authority of the local Board of Election Supervisors.

SEC. 23. At all City elections, the polls shall be opened at 9:00 A. M. and closed at 7:00 P. M.; the method of casting and marking ballots, the powers and duties of the voters in relation thereto, and the rendering of assistance to physically disabled voters shall be the same as provided for in County and State elections.

SEC. 24. Every voter shall deliver to the Judges of Election one official ballot to be furnished him and the ballot so delivered to and received by the Judges of Election shall be deposited in the ballot-box until the polls be closed. One accredited representation or challenger of each candidate voted for at each election, to be designated in writing by such candidates, and in case of his necessary absence, a substitute similarly selected shall be entitled to be admitted into and remain in the polling room from the opening until the close of the election, and until the vote has been counted, and until the result is ascertained; and a refusal to permit any such representation shall be a misdemeanor punishable in the Circuit Court for Harford County by a fine not exceeding Five Hundred (\$500.) Dollars or by imprisonment not exceeding six months, or by both fine and imprisonment, in the discretion of the Court. It shall be unlawful for said representatives to inquire or ascertain for what candidate or candidates any voter may intend to vote, or has voted, or to confer in the polling room with any voter, or to aid or assist him in the preparation of his ballot.