

amended, as soon as practicable and before the holding of any election whatsoever in said city, shall lay out and divide each and every of the wards of the said city, into election precincts, in the following manner, that is to say: the first ward into three precincts; the second ward into three precincts; the third ward into four precincts; the fourth ward into three precincts; the fifth ward into two precincts; the sixth ward into three precincts; the seventh ward into four precincts; the eighth ward into four precincts; the ninth ward into two precincts; the tenth ward into two precincts; the eleventh ward into three precincts; the twelfth ward into three precincts; the thirteenth ward into two precincts; the fourteenth ward into three precincts; the fifteenth ward into four precincts; the sixteenth ward into three precincts; the seventeenth ward into four precincts; the eighteenth ward into seven precincts; the nineteenth ward into four precincts; and the twentieth ward into four precincts.

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Division.

SEC. 2. The said precincts in each ward shall be as nearly equal to each other as may be practicable, in voting population and shall be set apart with as much regard as may be to the proximity and concentration of their several parts and to the convenience of the voters therein.

To be equal.

SEC. 3. The board of police shall cause the said precincts in each and every ward to be numbered one, two, &c., and the description of each thereof to be recorded in a book to be kept by them for the purpose, and as soon as the said division shall have been so made and recorded, the said board shall cause the said description of the several precincts, with their respective number, to be published daily three times, in all the daily papers of the city of Baltimore, which shall be willing for a proper compensation to insert the same.

To be numbered.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the said board of police from time to time after the said first division shall have been made, to alter and correct said divisions, whenever they may deem it expedient, so however as not to increase or diminish the number of precincts in any of the several wards as aforesaid.

Duty of Board.

SEC. 5. In case of any change in the number or locality of the wards of said city, the board of police, the number of voters.

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