

CHAP. 9. lice shall as soon as possible thereafter, distribute the same generally into equal precincts as nearly as may be, to contain four hundred and fifty voters more or less, as nearly as in their discretion they may deem advisable, and shall from time to time thereafter amend such distribution, if need be, so as to produce such result, and they shall cause the said alterations or new divisions and amendments thereof to be likewise recorded and advertised as hereinbefore provided.

Residence. SEC. 6. After the making of such several divisions or distributions into precincts, the votes of the citizens, entitled by law to vote in any ward of the city of Baltimore, shall be given and received only at the place of voting in the precinct in which they shall reside at the time of such voting or in which they may have last resided previous to their removal from the said ward, if they have so removed, and have not acquired a legal residence elsewhere.

Judges of election. SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the said board of police immediately after they shall have established election precincts as first herein provided, to nominate and appoint three discreet persons in each of said precincts to act as judges of election therein, designating in said appointment, one of said persons as presiding judge, the said judges to be legal voters of the precinct, for which they shall respectively be appointed, and to hold office for the term of one year from and after the date of their appointment and for so much longer time as they may be willing, and the said board may see fit, subject however to removal at any time by the said board; but each and every person so appointed shall unless excused or removed by the said board or disqualified by ill-health or otherwise according to law, be bound to serve as such judge for the term of one year as aforesaid when appointed, once in every five years if required, and in case of refusal so to do shall be liable to a penalty of five hundred dollars, recoverable by the said board by civil action in the name of the State, and a failure to attend at any election during said term, unless prevented by sickness or other sufficient cause, shall be deemed a refusal within the meaning of this section.

Vacancies. SEC. 8. The said board shall have power and authority, and it shall be their duty, to fill all vacancies which may be caused among said judges,