

by death, disqualification, refusal to act, or otherwise, and to appoint successors from time to time to those judges whose term of service shall be about to expire or shall have expired, or whom they shall remove, and every judge so appointed shall hold his office for the term of one year, subject to the conditions hereinbefore provided. CHAP. 9.

SEC. 9. The said judges of election and each of them are made conservators of the peace while they shall be acting as such judges, and shall have full power and authority, and are hereby respectively commanded to preserve the peace at and about the places of voting of their respective precincts from the time that the polls shall have been opened therein until the returns of votes, taken at any election therein, shall have been made, and they and each of them shall have full power, and it shall be their duty to keep the polls of their respective precincts clear, or cause them to be kept clear, so that ingress thereto and egress therefrom shall be free and unobstructed to the voters, and to prevent and suppress riots, tumult, violence, disorder, and all other improper practices tending to the intimidation or obstruction of voters, or the disturbance or interruption of voters. Conservators  
of the peace.

SEC. 10. The said judges, or a majority of them, in each precinct, shall have power, and are hereby directed to select the places of voting in and for their respective precincts, and to take care that the same be as near the centre of such precincts as may be, and upon an open public street, in a free, accessible and convenient location, and that no tavern, liquor store, grog shop, or other place at which liquor shall usually or at the time be sold, be by them taken or used as a place of voting; and they shall take all such measures, whether by the erection of barriers or establishing limits around the polls or otherwise, as may be necessary and proper, in their judgment, to prevent crowding at or near the polls, or the interruption of voters in approaching or returning from the same, and it shall be their duty, by proper precautions in advance and by such regulations and arrangements beforehand, or on the day of election, as may be suitable to secure the peaceful conduct of such elections as may be held during their official terms, and the protection of the voters and the ballot boxes from violence and fraud. Judges to  
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