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SEC. 11. In order to enable the judges to discharge the duties imposed on them by this article or any other law, they and each of them shall have full power and authority upon every day of election, and until they shall have made up the return of the votes polled, to commit to the jail of Baltimore city, upon their warrants respectively, all persons who shall within their respective precincts violate or attempt to violate any of the provisions of this article, or any section thereof, or of any other law touching elections now existing or hereafter to be enacted, and they are authorised to call upon the sheriff of Baltimore and his deputies, and all constables, policemen, or other peace officers, to serve the said warrants, and they are further authorized and directed at the times and for the periods aforesaid, to call upon the said sheriff and his deputies and other officers last above mentioned, as well as all private citizens, and, if need be, to summon the *posse comitatus* to aid them in suppressing riot, violence, disturbance, and disorder, and in preserving the public peace, protecting themselves and other voters, and securing the quiet and freedom of the election and the safety of the ballots and ballot boxes.

Penalty.

SEC. 12. Any person or persons whom the said judges or any of them may so summon, or on whom they may so call to execute the said warrants, or aid them respectively, as hereinbefore provided, and who shall refuse to obey such call or summons, shall be liable respectively to the penalties following for such refusal, to be recovered by the said board of police by civil action in the name of the State, that is to say, the said sheriff to a penalty of five thousand dollars, any other peace officer aforesaid to a penalty of five hundred dollars, and any private citizen to a penalty of one hundred and fifty dollars, and each and every person so refusing shall be liable moreover to indictment, and such punishment for such refusal as is by law already or may hereafter be provided.

Penalty.

SEC. 13. Any officer or person having control, command or keeping of the jail of Baltimore city, who shall refuse to receive or detain, and any officer of the corporation of said city who shall prevent or forbid the reception or detention in such jail of any person so committed by said judges, or any of them, according to the exigency of such commit-