

and signed by him, and the Supervisors of Elections, officers of registration and judges of election are hereby empowered to administer all oaths and affirmations required in the discharge of the duties of their respective offices.

196. The word "election" as used in this Article shall be construed to include elections had within any county or city for the purpose of enabling voters to choose some public officer or officers under the laws of this State or of the United States, or to pass upon any amendment, law or other public act or proposition submitted to vote by law and unless otherwise stated shall also be construed to include primary as well as general and special elections. The word "precinct" as used in this Article shall be construed to mean an election district in a county or an election precinct in such district, or in a ward of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be. In computing the times for notices to be given under this Article Sunday shall be included, except when the day on which said notice should be given should happen to fall on Sunday, in which event the same shall be given on the Monday following; the day of giving the notice and the day of registration or election shall be excluded.

197. In all trials for offense against any of the provisions of this Article, or of any existing law relating to registration or elections where such offenses are punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary, the State and defense shall each be entitled to twenty peremptory challenges of jurors.

198. It shall be the duty of the Attorney-General to prepare instructions and blank forms necessary for the use of the officers of registration and of election created by this Article; and this Article, with said forms and instructions so prepared, and with other provisions of the constitution and laws touching the same matters, and with a proper index thereto, shall be published by the Secretary of State and shall be distributed by him to the Supervisors of Elections in quantities sufficient to supply all the judges and clerks of elections and other officers requiring the same. The expense of printing and of necessary clerical assistance shall be paid from the treasury of the State. A price shall be fixed by the Secretary of State at which copies may be furnished to purchasers.

199. At least thirty days before every State election the Attorney-General shall prepare full instructions for the guidance of the voters at such election as to obtaining ballots, as to the manner of marking them, and as to obtaining new ballots in place of those accidentally destroyed, with such other instructions as shall in his opinion be necessary and proper, and