

Passed Jan. 31, 1840. *An act to regulate an Election in Howard District of Anne Arundel County.*

- Seat of justice to be designated** SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That at the election to be held under and by virtue of the third section of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, chapter twenty-two, each voter may place upon his ballot the name of the place, clearly designating the same, within Howard District of Anne Arundel county, which he prefers as the seat of justice for said district; and it shall be the duty of the said judges of election to make return of the election for sheriff and the votes for the seat of justice for said district to the clerk of the court of Howard District of Anne Arundel county, in the same manner that returns of elections are now made to the clerk of Anne Arundel county; and the return judges for said district shall ascertain the whole number of votes given for each person voted for as sheriff, and shall make such return and certificate of the election for sheriff as is now made of an election for sheriff in Anne Arundel county; and the said judges shall, by a certificate, to be filed with the clerk of the court of Howard District of Anne Arundel county, and by him recorded, certify that the place which has received the highest number of votes is duly selected as the seat of justice for said district; and it shall be the duty of said clerk forthwith to certify to each of the commissioners of said Howard District, whose appointment may be hereafter provided for, the name of the place so selected as aforesaid; and the place of meeting for said return judges shall be the office of the clerk of the court of Howard District of Anne Arundel county.
- Judges to make return, &c.**
- Judges to certify to selection of seat justice**
- To be published** SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That upon the passage of this law, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State forthwith to have the same published in the Baltimore Patriot and Baltimore Republican twice in each week, until the day of the election herein before provided for.