

opened not earlier than 6 o'clock A.M. and not later than 8 o'clock A.M., and in Talbot County the polling places shall be opened by the judges of election at 7 o'clock A.M. and shall be kept open until 7 o'clock P.M. of the same day, at which time they shall be closed. If any judge or clerk shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for the opening of the polls the judge or judges present shall fill the place of the absent judge or clerk by appointing in his stead a person of the same political party as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge or clerk originally appointed. After the opening of the polls no judge or clerk shall absent himself therefrom until all the ballots cast shall have been counted and the returns completed. If in case of absolute necessity, any judge or clerk in attendance shall be compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party with himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to such substitute the same oath as he himself has taken. Blank forms for the appointment of the substitute judges and clerks and the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the Supervisors, and the oath when administered shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the Supervisors. The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes and the reason therefor, and the time when such substitute began and ceased to serve shall be noted by the judges in the poll books of the precinct or on loose-leaf pages inserted in the binders containing the precinct cards; such substitute shall cease to act whenever the judge or clerk in whose stead he was appointed shall be present.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1955.

Approved March 29, 1955.

CHAPTER 198

(Senate Bill 384)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Auditor", said new section to be known as Section 21A and to follow immediately after Section 21 thereof, relating to the compensation of the auditor in Baltimore County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That a new section be and it is hereby added to Article 16 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition), title "Chancery", sub-title "Auditor", said new section to be known as Section 21A and to follow immediately after Section 21 thereof, and to read as follows:

21A. *In Baltimore County, the auditor shall be allowed such compensation as may be allowed by the Court to reasonably compensate him for his services, but in no case shall such compensation be less than Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00).*

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken out of bill.