

close of said polls, the judges of election shall count the ballots which have been cast and shall ascertain the number of votes cast for the city extension and the number of votes cast against the city extension, and shall make out under their hands, attested by the clerks, or one of them, three distinct statements or certificates of the number of votes cast for the city extension and against the city extension—one of which certificates shall be entered on each of the poll books used in the said election and the other one of said certificates shall be by said judges sent forthwith to the Governor of the State, who shall ascertain the result of the votes cast at the several polling places and make known the same by proclamation; and if the Governor shall, by his proclamation, declare that a majority or all the votes cast at the said election were cast for the city extension, then from and after the first day of January, 1917, all that portion of the territory described in the first section of this Act which is embraced within the boundaries of Anne Arundel county shall become and be a part of Baltimore city. Each of the said judges and clerks of election shall, before entering upon their duties, make oath or affirmation before the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county, of which oath or affirmation a record shall be kept by said Clerk, that he will faithfully conduct said election and protect it to the best of his ability against all fraud and unfairness. Any violation of the terms of said oath shall be deemed a misdemeanor and shall, on conviction, subject the offender to punishment by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars or to imprisonment for not less than one month nor more than six months, or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court. The said judges shall return the ballots to the Governor of the State and one of the said poll books containing the certificate above mentioned to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore city and the other to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel county.

‘And at such election, the party or persons opposed to city extension and the party or persons in favor of city extension shall each be entitled to have two watchers at each of the polling places, who shall be afforded an opportunity of observing the casting and counting of the ballots and the other proceedings at such election. The watchers appointed for the party or persons opposed to city extension shall be designated by the County Commissioners of Anne Arundel county and the watcher appointed for the party or persons