

"172. That if at the place appointed for holding any such election, and when ten minutes after the time fixed for beginning the same have expired, any one or more of the judges so elected shall fail to appear, the other judges or judge present and qualified shall appoint some other person or persons having the requisite qualification to act as judge or judges of said election, and administer to him or them the oath or affirmation required in the preceding section, so that there shall always be three judges at such election; and if any or both of said clerks shall fail to appear or qualify within the time aforesaid, the Judges of Election of said ward or voting place shall appoint one or both clerks, as the case may be, having the requisite qualifications, and qualify them to act as such, by administering the oath as prescribed in the preceding section; no votes shall be received by said judge or judges until the number of judges and clerks shall have been completed and qualified, as provided under the provisions of this Article.

"173. That it shall be the duty of the said clerks of election to enter the name and residence of each person who casts a vote at said election, plainly in the poll book, which on its front or title page shall contain the form of oath in a preceding section prescribed, which said oath as taken shall be signed by all of said judges and clerks, and also to perform such other duties as are prescribed by this Article to be by them performed.

"174. That no person shall be permitted to be in the room selected as the polling place of the precinct, district or the ward during the time any such election is being held, except the judges, clerks and those who are actually engaged in voting or preparing their ballot, and the representatives as hereinbefore provided, and such police officers as may be designated to attend thereat by the police board (if in Baltimore city) upon request made to said board in writing by the said committee or committees of the city of the party holding the election: after the election is closed, any candidate shall be entitled to be present during the counting of the ballots.

"175 That when the poll shall be closed, the box where-in the ballots are deposited shall immediately thereafter