

wise, sensible, and discreet of the people, actually and *bona fide* residents in the county where they are to be chosen one whole year next preceding the election, above twenty-one years of age, and upon the final casting of the polls, the four persons who shall appear to have the greatest number of legal votes, shall be declared and returned duly elected for their respective county; and the legislature may, from time to time, direct by law in what manner, other than by oath or affirmation, the qualifications of candidates and voters shall be ascertained, and may make such regulations as may effectually preserve the most perfect freedom and fairness at elections.

III. That the sheriff of each county, or in case of sickness, his deputy, (summoning two justices of the county, who are required to attend for the preservation of the peace,) shall be judge of the election, and may adjourn from day to day, if necessary, till the same be finished, so that the whole election shall be concluded in four days; and shall make his return thereof under his hand, to the chancellor of this state for the time being; and every judge of an election, before he proceeds to receive any vote, shall take the following oath, to wit: "I, A B. do swear, that I  
 " will permit all persons to vote who shall offer to  
 " poll at the election now to be held for \_\_\_\_\_  
 " county, the city of Annapolis, or Baltimore-town,  
 " who in my judgment and conscience shall be quali-  
 " fied and entitled to vote at the said election, accord-  
 " ing to the direction of the constitution and form of  
 " government; and that I will not admit any person  
 " to vote at the said election, if such person is not, in  
 " my judgment and conscience, qualified and entitled  
 " as aforesaid; and will in all things execute the of-  
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