

residing in such ward who shall present themselves to such commissioners at said meeting, or who shall apply in writing, and who shall be qualified to vote at elections for delegates to the general assembly, electors of senate, members of congress, and at elections for the presidency and vice-presidency of the United States; and the said commissioners in order to such registry shall have authority to administer oaths or affirmations, and to receive testimony touching the qualifications aforesaid in any case; and they are hereby required by advertisement in all the newspapers of the city aforesaid to give notice for at least one week of the time and place of any such meeting, and of the hours of keeping open their registry at any such meeting.

‘And be it enacted, That on the day of every election aforesaid the commissioners shall deliver before the opening, to the judges of election for their respective ward, a list alphabetically arranged, of all such registered voters; and no person not registered as aforesaid shall be entitled to vote at such election except such as shall receive a certificate of registry as hereinafter mentioned.

‘And be it enacted, That the mayor shall be and he is hereby empowered to fill any vacancy at any time existing in the commission for any ward, and also to appoint any occasional commissioners in the absence of any commissioner or commissioners from any meeting, when by reason of such absence a competent number for acting shall not be in attendance.

‘And be it enacted, That the mayor and city council of Baltimore be and is authorised to provide for the rate and mode of compensation of the said commissioners, and of the clerks whom they may find it necessary to employ.

‘And be it enacted, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to make the registry of any person as aforesaid conclusive evidence before the judges of an election aforesaid of the qualification of such person to vote as aforesaid; and any person may at any meeting of commissioners contest the right of any person registered as a voter to be so registered.

‘And be it enacted, That on the Monday preceding the day of election aforesaid, the commissioners of all the wards shall assemble together and compare the lists of the voters registered by them respectively, and strike from such lists