

more of the judges so appointed shall fail to appear, or appearing fail to qualify as provided in the next section, the other judges or judge present and qualified shall appoint some other person or persons of good character and having the qualifications in this sub-title stated, to act as judge or judges of such election, so that there shall always be three judges of such election; and if one or both of said clerks shall fail to appear or qualify within the time aforesaid, the judges of the election shall elect one or both clerks as the case may be, having the qualifications in this section stated, and qualify them to act as such.

Failure to appear.

SEC. ... *Be it enacted*, That each person named as judge of the election in the notice required by section one of this act, or any person in his absence or refusal to serve, chosen to be such judge of the election aforesaid, and each clerk of the election, shall first be sworn or affirmed by some officer authorized to administer oaths, that he is a legal voter of the ward in which such election is to be held; that he will correctly and faithfully conduct such election, protect it against all frauds and unfairness, carefully and truly canvass all votes cast thereat, in such manner as may be required by the authority appointing the election; any violation of the provisions of this section shall be deemed a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction, subject the offender to punishment by fine, not less than fifty nor more than two hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail of the city of Baltimore or the House of Correction, not less than one nor more than six months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Judges and clerks to be sworn.

SEC. .... *Be it enacted*, That at all elections held under this act, immediately before any ballot or ballots are received by the judges of election, the said judges shall open or unlock every ballot-box used or to be used in such elections, and permit any candidate or candidates, or any person demanding it, to examine said ballot-box until he is satisfied of the structure thereof, and that there is, at the commencement of receiving ballots, no ballots therein; and that every candidate or candidates, or such persons being voters in their respective polling places, and not to exceed six in number at any one polling

Open ballot-box.