

trict of Anne Arundel county, which he prefers as the seat of justice for said district, and it shall be the duty of the said judges of election to make return of the election for sheriff and the votes for the seat of justice for said district, to the clerk of the court of Howard district of Anne Arundel county, in the same manner that returns of elections are now made to the clerk of Anne Arundel county, and the return judges for said district shall ascertain the whole number of votes given for each person voted for as sheriff, and shall make such return and certificate of the election for sheriff as is now made of an election for sheriff in Anne Arundel county; and the said judges shall by a certificate to be filed with the clerk of the court of Howard district of Anne Arundel county, and by him recorded, certify that the place which has received the highest number of votes is duly selected as the seat of justice for said district, and it shall be the duty of said clerk forthwith to certify to each of the commissioners of said Howard district whose appointment may be hereafter provided for, the name of the place so selected as aforesaid; and the place of meeting for said return judges shall be the office of the clerk of the court of Howard district of Anne Arundel county.

Place having most votes to be selected.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That upon the passage of this law, it shall be the duty of the secretary of state forthwith to have the same published in the Baltimore Patriot and Baltimore Republican, twice in each week, until the day of the election herein before provided for.

Publication ordered.

AN ACT in relation to Howard District.—1839, ch. 54.

SEC. 1. *Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That any one of the judges of the court of Howard district of Anne Arundel county, shall have full power and authority to administer the proper oaths of qualification to the clerk of the court and register of wills, who have lately been appointed for said district.

Oath to be administered to clerk of court and register of wills.

SEC. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the election lately held for sheriff of said district, shall be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, and shall have like effect and operation as if the returns thereof had been filed with the clerk of said district within the time now limited by law; *Provided*, that such returns be made and filed with said clerk within three days after his qualification.

Election for sheriff ratified.

Proviso.

AN ACT to abolish Magistrates' Courts in Anne Arundel County, and Howard District of Anne Arundel County.—1839, ch. 108.

*Be it enacted, by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That the act passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, chapter two hundred and one, entitled, an act to

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