

1860, c 10, s 3  
Overawing or  
hindering  
voters

force and violence, with intent to influence unduly, or to overawe, intercept, or hinder any election, he shall, on conviction thereof in any court of criminal jurisdiction in the county where the offence was committed, suffer such fine, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, and such imprisonment, not exceeding fifty days, as the court shall adjudge. This section not to apply to the city of Baltimore, where a different penalty is prescribed by the local laws of said city.

Not to apply to  
Baltimore city.

Id s 24  
1805, c 97, s 28,  
1860, c 10, s 3  
Soldiers not to  
be quartered or  
marched near  
place of elec-  
tion

**24.** No commissioned or non-commissioned officer, having the command of any soldier or soldiers quartered or posted in any district of any county in this State, shall muster or embody any of the said troops, or march any recruiting party within the view of any place of election during the time of holding said election, under the penalty of one hundred dollars. This section not to apply to the city of Baltimore.

Not applicable  
to Baltimore  
city

#### COUNTING THE BALLOTS.

Id s 25  
1805, c 97, s 13  
Judges to open  
and count  
ballots

**25.** When the poll shall be closed, the box wherein the ballots are deposited shall immediately thereafter be opened by the judge or judges of the election, and the said judge or judges shall publicly, in the presence of such persons as may choose to attend, carefully take out the said ballots, and read distinctly and aloud the name or names written or printed thereon respectively, and the clerks of said election shall carefully enter and keep an account of the same on the books of the polls, so that the number of votes for each candidate tallied thereon may be readily cast up and known.

Clerks to keep  
account of

Id s 26  
1805, c 97, s 13

**26.** If, upon opening any of the said ballots, there be found any more names written or printed on any of them than there ought to be, or if any two or more of such ballots or papers be deceitfully folded together, or if the purpose for which the vote is given is not plainly designated thereon, such ballot shall be rejected and not counted.

Double and  
doubtful ballots  
to be rejected

#### CERTIFICATES.

Id. s 27  
1805, c 97, s 14

**27.** As soon as the ballots shall be read off and counted, and the number for each candidate reckoned up and ascertained, the judge or judges of election shall make out, under his or their hands, attested by the clerks of the election, or one of them, on the books of the polls, two plain, fair, and distinct statements and certificates of the number of votes which shall have been then and there given for each candidate, distinguishing the station or office for which he has been voted.

Certificates of  
the number of  
votes to be  
made

Id s 28  
1805, c 97, s 14,  
1860, c 10, s 3  
How certificates  
to be made out.

**28.** The said numbers shall be expressed in words at length, and not in figures only, according to the following form; or to the like effect, to wit: "State of Maryland, ——— county, to wit: We, the undersigned, duly appointed by the county commissioners of said county, or by a justice of the peace, or the voters (as the case may be), in due form of law, judge or judges of election in this district, No. ———, do hereby certify and return that we did attend on the