

4. In case of any vacancy in the number of said supervisors of election occurring when the Legislature is not in session, the Governor shall appoint some eligible person to fill such vacancy during the remainder of the term of office of the person originally appointed; but if the latter was appointed as the representative of a political party, then only a person belonging to the same political party shall be eligible as his successor; and it shall be the duty of the Governor before appointing such successor, to request the State Central Committee representing such political party in the county or city, as the case may be, to designate candidates for such successor, in the same manner as in the case of an original appointment; and if the Governor shall see fit not to appoint any one of the persons so designated, he shall file his reasons for not doing so, as in the case of an original appointment, and he shall appoint as and from list as provided in case of original appointment.

5. Each board of supervisors shall have an office, and shall provide all necessary ballot boxes and ballots, and all registry books, poll books, tally sheets, blanks and stationery of every description, with printed headings and certificates necessary and proper for the registry of voters and conduct of elections, and for every incidental purpose connected therewith; and the expenses thereof shall be paid by the county or by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, as the case may be, as above provided. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners of the several counties, and of the Mayor and City Council of the city of Baltimore, to allow the reasonable use of the public buildings in their respective counties and in said city by the election supervisors thereof, and to light and heat the same for such use, and in all proper ways to facilitate them in the discharge of their duties as such supervisors.

6. The Board of Supervisors of Elections of the several counties may have clerks, with the consent of the County Commissioners for their respective counties, at such compensation as the said County Commissioners may fix. The supervisors of elections of the city of Baltimore shall have a clerk at a salary of twelve hundred dollars, and a messenger at a salary of eight hundred dollars per annum. The said clerks, and in the city of Baltimore, the said messenger, shall be appointed by the respective boards of supervisors, and shall be removable by them in their discretion. In Baltimore city the clerks and messenger, with the approval of the supervisors, shall, from time to time, secure such temporary assistance as may be necessary for the proper transaction of the business of