

(1939 Edition), title "Elections", and all amendments thereof be and it is hereby repealed, and that a new Article, to be known as Article 33, title "Elections", be and it is hereby enacted in lieu thereof, to read as follows:

### ELECTION OFFICIALS

1. (a) The Governor biennially, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate if in session, shall appoint in each county of the State and in the City of Baltimore three persons who shall constitute the Board of Supervisors of Elections of said county or city, as the case may be. Said Supervisors shall be residents and voters in their respective counties or in the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, and two of them shall always be selected from the two leading political parties of the State, one from each of said parties.

(b) The Governor shall at the same time and in like manner appoint to each Board two substitute Supervisors, one of whom shall be of the same political party as the majority of the Supervisors regularly constituting such Board, and the other of whom shall be of the same political party as the minority member of said regularly constituted Board. In the event of the temporary or permanent incapacity from any cause of a regular member of said Board, or in the event of a vacancy on the regularly constituted Board, the substitute of the same political party as the regular member so incapacitated shall serve in his place until such incapacity shall have terminated or said vacancy shall have been filled as hereinafter provided and while so serving shall have all the powers and authority and be subject to all the duties imposed by law upon a regularly appointed Supervisor.

(c) In case of any vacancy on any Board of Supervisors, whether as to regular or substitute members thereof, by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, 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; provided, however, that 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.

(d) Before appointing such Supervisors of Elections, whether as regular or substitute members of their respective Boards, and before filling any vacancy as hereinbefore provided, the Governor shall request the State Central Committees representing each of the two leading political parties of the State in each county and in the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, to designate at least four eligible candidates for such positions; and the Governor shall appoint one of the persons so designated