

each district, at least three days before the day appointed for holding such election, under the penalty of ten dollars for each and every neglect; and such election shall be holden within fifteen days after the said warrant shall be received by the sheriff to whom the same shall be directed.

Sheriff to provide books, &c.

VII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That it shall be the duty of the sheriff, under the penalty of fifty dollars, to provide for each district, and cause to be delivered to the judge or judges of the election, previous to or at its commencement, two blank books, properly ruled for entering the votes, and if it be a sheriff's election, a box for receiving the ballots.

Judges to appoint clerks, &c.

VIII. AND BE IT ENACTED, That the judges of an election as aforesaid shall appoint two clerks, being above the age of twenty-one years, to enter the names of the voters and the votes which shall be received, who shall make true entries thereof, under the penalty of fifty dollars for every false entry wilfully made; and the judges or judge as aforesaid, shall hold the elections of delegates on the first Monday of October in every year hereafter; the elections of sheriffs on the first Monday of October next, and on the first Monday of October of every third year for ever thereafter; the elections of electors of senate on the first Monday of September, eighteen hundred and one, and on the first Monday of September of every fifth year for ever thereafter; the elections of representatives to congress on the first Monday of April, in the year eighteen hundred and one, and on the first Monday of April of every second year for ever thereafter; and the elections of electors of president and vice-president of the United States on the second Monday of November next, and on the second Monday of November of every fourth year for ever thereafter, unless the congress of the United States shall otherwise provide; and the judges or judge as aforesaid shall hold the said elections at the several places herein before provided to be appointed, and the polls thereof shall be carried on without interruption or adjournment, so that the whole shall be concluded in one day; and no vote nor ballot shall be taken before the hour of nine in the morning, nor after the hour of eight in the evening.

And take an oath, &c.

IX. AND BE IT ENACTED, That every judge of an election, before he proceeds to take or receive any vote, shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will permit all persons to vote who shall offer to poll at the elections now to be held for — county, or — city, who in my judgment shall, according to the directions contained in this law, and the constitution and form of government, be entitled to poll at the same election, and that I will not admit any person to poll at the same election who is not in my judgment qualified to vote as aforesaid, and will in all things execute the office of judge of the said elections according to the best of my knowledge, without favour or partiality; so help me God;" that every clerk before he enters any vote on the polls shall take the following oath, or affirmation, to wit: "I, A. B. do swear, or affirm, that I will well and faithfully, without favour, affection or partiality, execute the office of clerk of the election or elections now to be held, according to the best of my knowledge; so help me God;" and the oath or affirmation of the clerks shall be administered by a judge of the election, and the oath or affirmation of a judge shall be administered by a justice of the peace, or if no justice be present to administer the same, it shall be administered by a clerk of the said election, after such clerk shall have been sworn as aforesaid, and a certificate of every such oath or affirmation, signed by the person administering the same respectively, shall be annexed to the book of polls.

* Chapter 62.

† Chapter 73.

City of Baltimore divided into districts, &c.

X. AND, whereas by an act of assembly, passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-one,* the city of Baltimore is made a part of the fifth district of Maryland for the elections of representatives to serve in the house of representatives of the United States for such district, and by an act passed at November session, seventeen hundred and ninety-five, † the said city of Baltimore is made a part of the fifth district of Maryland for the elections of electors for such district to choose the president and vice-president of the United States; wherefore, BE IT ENACTED, That for all future elections of representatives to serve in the house of representatives of the United States, and of electors to choose a president and vice-president of the United States for the district of Maryland in which the said city of Baltimore now is, or may hereafter be, made by any law of this state a part, and also for all future elections of delegates to the general assembly, and electors of senate for said city, and in all elections for sheriff in the city of Baltimore as a part of the county of Baltimore, the said city of Baltimore is hereby divided into the eight wards or districts into which it is now divided by the mayor and city council of Baltimore for the choosing of members of the first branch of the city council of said city, and the judges of the said elections for the members of the first branch of the city council of Baltimore aforesaid, now appointed or hereafter to be appointed, from time to time, under the corporation of the city of Baltimore, shall be the judges of the elections aforesaid for choosing a representative to serve in the house of representatives of the United States, and of electors to choose a president and vice-president of the United States for the city of Baltimore, as a