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BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES,

MARCH 9th, 1865.

Ordered, That 200 copies of the Bill for the Registration of Voters, be printed for the use of this House.

## REGISTRATION OF VOTERS.

### A BILL

*Entitled, an Act relating to the Registration of the Voters of the State.*

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That there shall be appointed by the Governor from among the citizens of the State, most known for loyalty and firmness, three persons for each ward in the city of Baltimore, and for each election district in the several counties of the State, who shall be styled Officers of Registration, who shall register the names of all free white male persons claiming and entitled to the right of elective franchise, resident in or temporarily absent from the several wards of the city of Baltimore, and the several election districts in the counties, in the manner herein prescribed, and the said officers of registration shall receive for their services the sum of three dollars for each and every day occupied and required in discharging the duties imposed on them under this Act, any two of whom shall be competent to act, and any vacancies in any board shall be filled by the Governor from among the citizens of the State as herein provided, most known for loyalty, firmness and uprightness. All officers of registration, before entering upon the discharge of their duties as such, shall take the oath prescribed in the Constitution, and subscribe the same in the book of registration for their respective wards or election districts.

Sec. 2. *Be it enacted,* That the Governor shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint three persons as officers of registration, whose duty it shall be to register the soldiers of this State, in the military service of the United States, who are absent from their regular places of voting, on account of such service, and it shall be the duty of said officers of registration to visit different regiments, camps and hospitals, or other posts where said soldiers may be, for the purpose of ascertaining and registering all such citizens of this State, who shall or may be qualified to vote according to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of this State, and