

THE NEW REGISTRATION. Requirements in the Primary---The Conventions, Committees, Etc.

CHAPTER 236.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Sections 17 and 26 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Elections," sub-title, "Registration," and Section 25 of said Article 33 as the same was amended by Chapter 703 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1906.

Section 1--Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Sections 17 and 26 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1906, be and the same are hereby severally repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Sec. 17--On Tuesday six weeks preceding the election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1906, which shall occur on the Tuesday aforesaid, the county Board of Registry shall meet at the place designated by its Board of Supervisors of Elections and shall proceed to make a general registration of all the voters in its precinct or district as the case may be. The proceedings of each Board of Registry shall be as follows: 1. They shall open the registry in the city of Baltimore at twelve o'clock m., and continue in session until ten o'clock p. m., on the Tuesday aforesaid, in the counties the hours of session shall be from eight o'clock a. m. to eight o'clock p. m. One of the officers of registration shall administer to all persons who shall personally apply to register the following solemn affirmation: "You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you will fully and truly answer all such questions as shall be put to you touching your place of residence, name, place of birth, your qualifications, and the facts as to your right as such to register and vote under the laws of this State." 2. The two officers of registration designated by the Supervisors to have the custody of the two registry books or such of their colleagues as such officers may respectively assign to temporarily replace him in the discharge of this duty, shall make the entries therein required by this Article, and the questions as to qualifications shall be asked by the other officers of said board. The names and addresses of every applicant shall be entered in such registry books and all the facts of his application shall be there stated as herein provided, whether he be entitled to vote or not. If he shall be determined by the board that he is not a qualified voter in the precinct, then an entry shall be made in the appropriate column "No," and a line shall be drawn in red ink through his name and through all other entries on the line which his name is written, but so that the same and other entries shall remain legible; and if qualified, an entry shall be made in the same column, "Yes."

3. Only persons constitutionally qualified to vote shall be registered as qualified voters.

4. The headings to the registry books shall be so prepared that the registry shall be filled in by the officer, according to the surname of each person applying, and so that the residence and post office address of each person shall appear in the first column. The registers shall be ruled, and one margin shall be given on each line, but no names shall be written between the lines. The entries shall be as follows: (a) Under the column "residence and postoffice address," the name and number of the street, avenue or other location of the dwelling, and if there be a definite number, and if there shall not be a number, or if there shall be duplicate numbers such clear and definite description of the place of such dwelling as shall enable it to be readily ascertained; if there shall be more than one house at the number given by the applicant as his place of residence, it shall be stated in which house he resides and if there be more than one family residing in said house, either the floor on which he resides or the number or location of the room or rooms occupied by him shall be stated, every floor below the level of the street or ground being designated as the basement, the floor upon or first above such level being designated as the first floor, and each floor above that as the second or such other floor as it may be; in county precincts it shall only be necessary to give such general description as may be sufficient for identification as to location; (b) Under the column "Name," the name of the applicant, writing the surname first, and full given or christian name after. (c) Under the column "Age," the age of the applicant. (d) Under the column "Nationality," the State, country, empire, kingdom or dominion as the fact shall be. (e) Under the column "Color," the words "white" or "colored" as the case may be. (f) Under the sub-division of the general column "residence," the period by day, month or year stated by the applicant. (g) Under the column "naturalized" the word "yes" or "no" or "native" as the fact may be. (h) Under the column "date of naturalization," the date of naturalization, if naturalized. No naturalization papers need be produced if a majority of the Board are satisfied that for three years next preceding the applicant claiming to be naturalized has been a registered voter in this State, and has actually voted on such previous registration; but then shall note his answers to the questions, when and in what court he was naturalized, and also in the column headed "remarks" where and when he was so previously registered. (j) Under the column "Court," the designation of the court in which, if naturalized, such naturalization was had. (k) Under the column "qualified voter" the word "yes" if the fact shall appear or be determined by a majority of the Board of Registry, or the word "no" if such fact be not established to the satisfaction of a majority of the board. (l) Under the column "date of application," the month, day and year when the applicant presented himself. (m) After the answers of the applicant to the questions under the heads of each and all of the above-mentioned columns have been properly entered by the officers in his presence in both registers, and not until then he shall be asked to sign his name upon the same line under the column "signature" in each of them, and shall sign his name, if he can do so. If, however, he shall state his inability to do so, or decline to do so, the officers shall make the entry "can not write" or "declines"

as the case may be, in the place for such signature. The Board of Registry shall be entitled to receive from the officers having custody thereof the last preceding registry books, for the purpose of comparison and assistance in identification, and if any one shall apply for registration who appears in such former registry as disqualified, his name shall be entered in the new registers, but he shall be marked "disqualified" unless such grounds of disqualification shall have been removed. At the end of the day's registry said officers shall compare the two registers so kept, and cause any errors in either of them to be corrected, by aid of the entries in the other, so as to make the same agree where there is any difference between them. Each of the said officers having the custody of any of said registers shall then sign his name or initials under the last name registered under each letter in the book kept by him, so that no name can be added without discovery. The said Board of Registry shall keep on blanks to be provided for that purpose by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, an alphabetical list of the names, addresses and color of all persons registered, and a separate list of all persons refused registration, and of all persons whose names are erased from the registry. In the City of Baltimore, at the end of each session, they shall deliver these lists to the police officers on duty at the registration office, and the list shall be delivered by the said officer to the Police Board, and by the Police Board to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, in the forenoon of the day following the said sitting. The Board of Supervisors for the City of Baltimore shall then cause such list to be printed in hand bill form, in plain, long primer type, and copies thereof posted within three days after each session in such manner that they may be easily read, in at least ten prominent places in each precinct, nothing in this Section 17 shall affect the registration in the counties heretofore made under this Article.

Sec. 25--In the counties a new general registration shall be made by each Board of Registry in the year 1914, such new general registration shall be made in the same way, at the same time, and under the same rules and provisions in all respects as are herein made for the general registration; the respective Boards of Supervisors of Elections in the several counties are hereby authorized and required to furnish, whenever, in the judgment of said board it may be necessary, a separate set of books of registry for use in any of the districts or precincts in the said several counties, for the transcribing of the names of qualified voters residing therein from the registration books in use. The transcribing shall be done in the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections by two clerks to be selected, one by the Supervisors representing the majority party and one by the Supervisors representing the minority party, as the said parties are now constituted in this State. The transcribing shall be done by the said clerks, both present at the same time, and new books, after being transcribed, shall be returned to the board, and if they do not correspond at the conclusion of the work or if an error in the transcribing be alleged to exist, either of said clerks or any citizen or voter in any of said counties may file a petition in the Circuit Court within twenty days after the work is finished, naming the said two clerks and the Board of Supervisors of Elections as defendants, and the said court shall have the power to make such order for correction of said books as may be proper. The political party that polled more than one percent of the votes cast at the last election may, through its political committee, if it has one, or by citizens representing the same party, if there be no political committee, name a watcher and substitute watcher, who shall be permitted to attend at the transcribing of said names and have power to examine the said books during the sittings of the said clerks for the said work, and the period of five days thereafter, in the presence of said Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 26--In the City of Baltimore there shall be a general registration in the year 1910, and biennially thereafter. Before the November election in the year 1911 and every alternate year thereafter, the last general registration shall be revised by the Board of Registry in each precinct where such election was held, and for that purpose a Board of Registry shall meet on the Tuesdays, respectively, six, five and four weeks preceding the regular election in November, and on the Saturday next following, the fourth week preceding the regular election, and shall hold a session from 12 o'clock m. to 10 o'clock p. m., and names may be added to the registers in the same way, upon sworn application, as in the case of a general registration, and all the same forms and requirements shall be observed. If it shall appear that any applicant has been upon the registers in any other precinct in the City of Baltimore at any time since the beginning of the last general registration for such precinct, his name shall not be added to the registers when application is made until he produces a certificate of removal given him by the Board of Registry for such other precinct, which certificate shall be in substance as follows: "This is to certify that the name of _____ heretofore residing at _____ in this precinct, has been stricken from the registry of the precinct and proper erasure made, and that upon the registers of this precinct the following entries appear with reference to him: Name _____; Age _____; color _____; residence _____; time of residence in precinct _____; time of residence in city _____; time of residence in State _____; date of naturalization _____; date of papers _____; court _____; qualified _____; voter _____; date of application _____."

The foregoing certificate shall be granted by the Board of Registry when in session, under the following regulations, that is to say, if at the time of application or of removal certificate is made, the name of said voter is already erased from the registers, then it shall be the duty of

the said Board of Registry to grant the certificate to his use, or to any other person making application therefor, but if at the time said application is made, the name of the voter be still upon the registers of voters as a qualified voter, the removal certificate shall be granted, and the name stricken off only upon the personal application of such voter to the Board of Registry, and after his taking and subscribing an oath substantially as follows: "I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the same person who is entered by that name as a qualified voter in the registers of the _____ precinct of the _____ city; that I have removed from last-mentioned residence, and I do request that the proper entries and records be made and that my name be erased from the registers of voters of the last-mentioned precinct, and that a certificate of removal be furnished me at this time."

The foregoing affidavit shall be written and printed out and taken before a justice of the peace, and when presented to the Board of Registry in the precinct in which such applicant resides, it shall be taken by said Board and returned to the office of the Board of Supervisors of Elections. When such certificate shall be granted by the Board of Registry the name of such applicant shall be erased from the registers of the precinct from which he removed. At the end of each session the registers shall be made to agree where there is any difference between them, and the officers of registration having the custody thereof shall sign their names or initials in their respective registry books immediately after the last name registered under each letter on said registers so that no new name can be added thereto without discovery. It shall be the duty of the Board of Registry, after the close of each session to note for erasure from such registers the names of all persons known or supposed to be dead and the names of all persons who are supposed to be otherwise disqualified as voters, and they shall be so marked by erasure with the address as the same appears upon the registers. In making out said list said Board of Registry shall treat as persons suspected of not being qualified voters, all persons against whom a complaint is filed by any voter in the ward. Such complaint shall be as follows: "_____ ward, do solemnly swear that I believe _____ who professes to be a qualified voter in the _____ ward, of the _____ ground (here state reasons) if a majority of the Board know, or are satisfied that such complaint is untrue, they need not be disqualified under Sections 2 and 3 of Article 1 of the Constitution or otherwise; 'Deceased Voters' under which shall be placed all who are known or supposed to be dead; 'Removed,' under which shall be placed all who are known or supposed to have removed from their last address."

On each of the Tuesdays before separating the Board of Registry shall make out and deliver to two of their members, of opposite politics, a list of the registry addresses of all those whose names are on the registers of voters as qualified voters whom the officers of registration in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this section have noted for erasure. The said two officers of registration to whom such list is delivered shall thereupon proceed in respect thereto as the provisions of Section 20 of this Article direct. On each of the Tuesdays, respectively, six, five and four weeks preceding the regular election in November, the Board of Registry in each precinct, shall, at the beginning of the session receive the report of the said two officers of registration to whom the aforesaid list was delivered, and shall proceed in regard thereto as directed by the provisions of Section 21 of this Article. The Board of Registry shall again meet for revision only on the Tuesdays, respectively, six, five and four weeks preceding the regular election, and a session shall be held between the hours of 12 m. and 10 p. m. The Board of Registry at this session shall add no new name to the registers of voters, but shall proceed as directed by the provisions of Section 21 of this Article direct.

Sec. 2--And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Approved April 13, 1910.

DESERTION OF FAMILY.

A Misdemeanor to Abandon any Child Under Three Years of Age.

CHAPTER 683.

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Desertion of Wife or Child," said new section to immediately follow Section 70, and to be known as Section 70A--Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and is hereby added to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland, title "Crimes and Punishments," sub-title "Desertion of Wife or Child," said new section to immediately follow Section 70, and to read as follows: "70A--Any person having the care, custody or possession of any child under the age of three years, who shall desert or abandon such child with the intent that it shall become a public charge, or without making provision for its proper support and maintenance for a period of at least three years with some responsible person or institution duly authorized to take care of infants, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not exceeding one hundred dollars or be imprisoned in jail or in the House of Correction for a period not exceeding one year."

Sec. 2--And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Approved April 11, 1910.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

Primaries Arranged in All Counties for the Senate of the United States.

CHAPTER 427.

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 168 of Chapter 122 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1908.

Section 1--Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 168 of Chapter 122 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1908, be and the same is hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments so as to read as follows:

Sec. 168--Every candidate for public office, including candidates for the office of Senator of the United States, shall within thirty days after the holding of the primary election held to nominate for such office, make out and file in the office of the Secretary of State, and a duplicate thereof with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which such candidate resides, or with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, if such candidate resides in said city, the statement hereinafter provided.

Every candidate for public office, including candidates for the office of Senator of the United States, shall within thirty days after the holding of the election to fill such office, make out and file in the office of the Secretary of State, and a duplicate thereof, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which such candidate resides, or with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Baltimore city, if such candidate resides in said city, the statement hereinafter provided.

It is hereby made the duty of the Supervisors of Elections within three days after the filing of the statement of nomination for any office or place, to certify to the Secretary of State the names and addresses of all candidates, including delegates to conventions nominated for offices or places within their respective counties, or the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, together with the name of the office or place for which each is nominated.

The said Secretary of State shall, thereupon, furnish to each such person nominated a blank form upon which to make the statement required by this section.

The said above required statement shall be a full, true and itemized statement in writing, which statement and duplicate shall be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before an officer authorized to administer oaths, setting forth in detail all moneys or other valuable things contributed, expended or promised by him to aid and promote the election, or in connection with his nomination or election, or both, as the case may be, or for other political purposes in connection with the election of any other person at said election, and all existing unfulfilled promises or liabilities in that connection remaining uncancelled and in force at the time such statement is made, whether such expenditures, promises or liabilities were made or incurred before, during or after such election, and showing the date when the person to whom and the purposes for which each and all of said sums or valuable things were paid, expended or promised, or said liabilities incurred. Such statement shall also set forth that the same is as full and explicit as the affiant is able to make it.

No person shall be deemed elected to any elective office under the laws of this State, or enter upon the duties thereof or receive any salary or emoluments therefrom until he shall have filed the statement and duplicate provided for in this section of this Article; and no officer authorized by the laws of this State to issue commissions or certificates of election shall issue a commission or certificate of election to any person claiming to be elected to any office, until such statement as aforesaid have been so made, verified and filed by such person with such officer. Any person violating or failing to comply with any of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not less than three hundred dollars, nor more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned for not more than two years, or both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the court.

Ten days after the period above ascertained for the filing of said original statement shall have expired the officer with whom the same is by this section required to be filed shall notify the proper prosecuting officer of any failure to file such statement on the part of any candidate, and within fifteen days thereafter such prosecuting officer shall proceed to prosecute for such offense.

Sec. 2--And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Approved April 11, 1910.

WHITE SLAVE LAW.

"Pandering" as Defined by the Legislature, Fines and Punishments.

CHAPTER 25.

AN ACT to add seven additional Sections to Article 27 of the Code of Public Laws, Code of 1904, relating to Crimes and Punishments, under the new sub-title "Pandering," such Sections to be inserted after Section 345 of said Article, and to be known as Sections 345A, 345B, 345C, 345D, 345E, 345F, 345G, said Sections defining the Crime of Pandering, prohibiting the same and providing for the Punishment thereof.

Section 1--Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following seven sections be added to Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, Code of 1904, relating to crimes and punishments, to be inserted after Section 345 of said Article, under the new sub-title "Pandering," and to read as follows: "345A, 345B, 345C, 345D, 345E, 345F, 345G, to wit: Sec. 345A--Any person who takes,

places, harbors, inveighs, entices, persuades, encourages, entreats by threats or promise, or by any device or scheme takes or places, or causes to be taken or placed, any female into a house of ill-fame, or of assignment or elsewhere, against her will, for the purpose of prostitution or illegal sexual intercourse, or takes or detains a female unlawfully against her will, with the intent to compel her by force, threats, persuasions, menace or duress, to marry him, or to marry any other person, or to be defiled, or any person, who being parent, guardian or having legal charge of a female, consents to her taking or detention by any person for the purpose of prostitution or illegal sexual intercourse, is guilty of pandering, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment for a term not less than two nor more than twelve years, and fined not more than five thousand dollars, in the discretion of the court.

Sec. 345B--Any person who shall place any female in the charge or custody of any person or persons for immoral purposes, or in a house of prostitution with the intent that she shall live a life of prostitution, or any person who shall compel any female to reside with him or with any other person for immoral purposes, or for the purpose of prostitution, or compel her to live a life of prostitution, is guilty of pandering, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than ten years.

Sec. 345C--Any person who shall receive any money or other valuable thing for or on account of procuring for or placing in a house of prostitution or elsewhere, any female for the purpose of causing her to cohabit with any male person or persons, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than three nor more than ten years.

Sec. 345D--Any person, who by force, fraud, intimidation or threats, places or leaves, or procures any person or persons to place or leave his wife in a house of prostitution or to lead a life of prostitution, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than three nor more than ten years.

Sec. 345E--Any person or persons who attempt to detain any girl or woman in a disorderly house or house of prostitution because of any debt or debts she has contracted, or is said to have contracted while living in said house, shall be guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than two nor more than twelve years.

Sec. 345F--Any person who shall knowingly transport or cause to be transported or aid or assist in obtaining transportation for, by any means of conveyance, through or across this State, any woman or girl for the purpose of prostitution, or with the intent and purpose to induce, entice or compel such woman or girl to become a prostitute, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be sentenced to the penitentiary for not less than three nor more than ten years.

Sec. 345G--Any person who may commit the crime in this section mentioned may be prosecuted, indicted, tried and convicted in any county or city in or through which he shall so transport or attempt to transport any woman or girl aforesaid.

And be it further enacted, That nothing contained in this Act shall abrogate or effect any existing law defining or prohibiting the crime of abduction or rape, as contained in Sections 1 and 2, Sections 368, 369 and Section 370 of Article 27 of the Code of Public General Laws, Code of 1904, relating to crimes and punishments.

And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Approved April 11, 1910.

SENATORIAL PRIMARIES.

Where There is Only One Candidate Primary Not Necessary.

CHAPTER 441.

AN ACT to add a new section to Chapter 400 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1908, known as the Senatorial Primary Election Law, to come in after Section 11, and to be known as Section 11A.

Section 1--Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That a new section be and the same is hereby added to Chapter 400 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1908, known as the Senatorial Primary Election Law, to come in after Section 11, and to be known as Section 11A, and to read as follows:

Sec. 11A--In the event that only one candidate for Senator in Congress of the United States of any political party shall file with the chairman of the State Central Committee of the whole State of the party to which said candidate belongs, his certificate in writing, as provided for in this Act, then and in that event the party of such candidate shall not be obliged or required to hold senatorial primaries under the provisions of this Act, but such candidate shall be entitled to receive the votes of each Senator and member of the House of Delegates elected from the several counties and several legislative districts of Baltimore city by the party to which he belongs. The chairman of the State Central Committee of the whole State shall be required, however, to publish in three daily newspapers published in the City of Baltimore, and one or more newspapers in each county, the fact that only one candidate for Senator in the United States Congress has filed his application, and shall publish the certificate of nomination of such candidate.

Sec. 2--And be it enacted, That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage. Approved April 11, 1910.

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