

Canvassing Boards.

82.

Canvassers may not reject returns from a precinct because the seals and strips of paper on the ballot boxes have been torn, broken and virtually destroyed. The canvassers, as such, have no right to have the ballot boxes before them; they should be in the custody of the clerk. The powers conferred on canvassers are wholly different from those conferred on the same individuals as supervisors; the duties of the former are purely ministerial. *Canvassers of Election v. Noll*, 127 Md. 301. And see *Price v. Ashburn*, 122 Md. 524.

83.

See notes to section 82.

85.

This section does not authorize canvassers to correct mistakes. No mistake held to have been made. The intention of this section is that such corrections as are authorized by it should be *promptly* made. See notes to section 73. *Canvassers of Election v. Noll*, 127 Md. 306.

This section referred to in construing section 75; see notes thereto. *Price v. Ashburn*, 122 Md. 524.

86.

A contest over an election to the office of clerk of a circuit court must be made before the house of delegates in accordance with article 4, section 12 of the constitution; this, however, does not affect the power of the court to require the canvassers to correct errors as provided in this section. A suggestion that judges and clerks be summoned to make a correction "in accordance with the finding, decision and determination of the board of canvassers," denied. *Canvassers of Election v. Noll*, 127 Md. 306.

This section held not to justify the issue of a mandamus compelling supervisors of elections to reject certain ballots and count others. The powers of the canvassers (who are the same as the supervisors) are wholly different from those of the supervisors under section 199B. *White v. Laird*, 127 Md. 132.

See notes to article 5, section 44.

Offences.

89.

An indictment under this section upheld. *Simond v. State*, 127 Md. 32.

Primary Elections.

182.

See notes to section 186.

1908, ch. 737, sec. 160C, D, G and O. 1910, ch. 741, sec. 160G (p. 117). 1912, ch. 2. 1914, ch. 714, sec. 160G. 1916, ch. 160, sec. 184.

184. Official ballots shall be prepared and printed for such primary elections in Baltimore City and in the several counties, respectively, by the said several Boards of Supervisors of Elections for said city and said several counties, respectively, as is now provided by this Article for general elections, except as otherwise provided for in this sub-title, and except that on the back and outside of all such official ballots shall be printed only the words "Official Ballot For," followed by the designation of the county or legislative district of Baltimore City, as the