

(3) All surplus ballots shall be destroyed within ten days after the election, unless the destruction thereof is stayed by an order of court pending a contest. The board shall certify the number of ballots so destroyed to the clerk of the circuit court as soon as the ballots are destroyed.

(d) All ballot boxes provided by the board for the deposit of ballots shall be numbered and of sufficient capacity to hold the ballots to be deposited therein, shall have an opening in the top large enough to allow a single folded ballot to be passed easily through the opening, but no larger, and shall be supplied with a seal or sufficient lock and key.

(e) The board shall deliver not more than three days and not less than one day preceding the election, ballot boxes for each precinct and other equipment and supplies required for the election, together with a sealed package of ballots, containing at least as many ballots as there are voters shown by the last preceding registration in said precinct clearly marked on the outside of its wrapper with the name of the precinct or polling place for which intended and the number of ballots enclosed. If the board fails or neglects to make the delivery by the time prescribed by this section, it shall be the duty of a judge designated beforehand by the board to take charge of the ballot box, immediately to send to the board therefor, and to obtain the same as soon as practicable in order that the election may be duly held. Any cost incurred in so doing shall be paid by the county commissioners, the county council or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, as the case may be, as part of the election expenses.

(f) The board shall provide a sufficient number of voting booths, equipped with tables or shelves, on which voters may conveniently mark their ballots. Each voting booth shall be at least three feet square and six feet high, shall contain three sides with a door or curtain on the fourth side, which door or curtain shall extend within two feet of the floor and shall be so arranged that it shall be impossible for anyone outside the voting booth to observe a voter in the act of marking his ballot. The number of voting booths shall be not less than one for each one hundred voters qualified to vote at such voting place. Each voting booth shall be kept properly lighted and provided with all supplies and conveniences necessary for marking ballots. The ballot boxes and voting booths shall be arranged in plain view of the judges, and the voting area shall be roped off in such a way as to permit no more than three feet for the entrance or exit of voters, and no person shall be permitted to enter the voting area by any other route.

(g) As soon as the polls are open and immediately before any ballots are received by the judges, they shall inspect all ballot boxes to be used, so that they may be satisfied as to the structure thereof, and that such ballot boxes are empty and verify the numbers thereof. The ballot boxes shall then be locked and sealed. They shall not again be opened until the closing of the polls; and until such closing each ballot box shall be kept constantly in the sight of all persons entitled to be present. They shall be so placed that the voter offering his ballot, the judges and all persons entitled to be present may conveniently see every ballot deposited therein. The sealed package of ballots shall not be opened until after the ballot boxes shall have been so examined, and locked or sealed by the judges.