

authority and an inspector of the original ballots cast at such primary election at some specified precinct or district or at all the precincts and districts as the case may be, is expedient for the just and proper determination of such contest, which certificate shall be signed by the chairman and secretary of such party authority and acknowledged by them before some officer authorized to take acknowledgments of deeds to be the act of the said party authority, and that they, the said chairman and secretary, were respectively authorized to sign such request, the Board of Supervisors shall at such reasonable time as it may determine at its office in the presence of such party authority or of such committee of such party authority as may be authorized to attend for such purpose, open the ballot box of such precincts or districts as may be specified in such certificate, and shall permit the said ballots in said ballot box to be inspected by the said party authority or its committee as aforesaid, but shall not permit any of said ballots to be removed from the office of the said Supervisors of Elections, and so soon as such inspection shall be completed, the said ballots shall be again returned to the said ballot box sealed up in bundles as they were when opened by the said Board of Supervisors, and the said ballot box itself shall be sealed up in the manner in which it was required to be sealed by the judges of election, except that upon the slip of paper across the keyhole shall be signed the names of the Board of Supervisors of Elections. The said ballot boxes shall be kept sealed until eight days before the day of the next ensuing regular election, when they shall be opened and the ballots contained therein shall be destroyed by burning.

167. Whoever shall (1) falsely make or fraudulently deface or fraudulently destroy any certificate provided for by section 157 of this Article, or (2) file any such certificate knowing the same or any part thereof to be falsely made, or (3) suppress any such certificate which has been duly filed or any part thereof, or (4) shall forge or falsely make the official endorsement on any ballot, shall be punished by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment in jail for a period not exceeding three