

127. The notice of the justice shall contain the names of the witnesses with the facts expected to be proved by them, and shall state the time and place of examination, and shall be served on the opposite party or his attorney, at least ten days previous to the proposed examination.

Notice of justice, what to contain.

128. Every person deposing shall be examined on oath, and his testimony shall be reduced to writing, either by himself, in the presence of the justice, or by the justice, or by a clerk by him appointed and sworn fairly to write down and transcribe the depositions, and shall be transcribed by the deponent.

Depositions to be taken under oath.

129. The depositions so taken, together with a certificate of the notices and proofs of service of them, shall be sealed up by the justice who took them and transmitted to the presiding officer of the body in which the seat is contested.

Where to be sent.

130. The examination of witnesses, taken in the manner herein prescribed, and in no other, shall hereafter be admitted on trial of contested elections.

Examination of witnesses.

131. The copies of any papers recorded in any office of record, attested under the hand and seal of the recording officer, shall be admitted at all such trials in the same manner as the originals would be if produced.

Copies of papers to be admitted.

132. The copies of any other papers of a public nature, and remaining in possession of a public officer, and extracts from the poll-books, under the hand and seal of the clerk of the court or public officer in whose office they are deposited, shall be admitted as evidence.

Also other papers of a public nature.

133. The board of police commissioners in the city of Baltimore and the clerks of the circuit courts in the counties, to whom ballots have been returned under the provisions of this article, shall produce any such ballots in regard to which testimony may be proposed to be taken before a justice of the peace taking examinations in a contested election, and shall furnish said justice copies of the same only on an order first had and obtained from some one of the courts of Baltimore city, or of the circuit courts for the counties, or some one of the judges thereof, and then, in pursuance of the terms and conditions of said order and subject to its restrictions; and said police commissioners of Baltimore city, and said clerk, as the case may be, shall retain such ballots in possession and custody until such ballots shall be required by the order of the court having jurisdiction in the case, to be delivered to

Production of ballots.