

shall be designated beforehand by the Supervisors of Elections, shall each take into his possession one of the registers, and also one of the statements of the votes cast, sealed up in its envelope as aforesaid, and the meeting of the judges and clerks shall then be dissolved; before 11 o'clock A.M. of the Thursday following an election, the two judges so having custody thereof shall deliver said registers and statements of votes cast to the proper officers in their respective counties, as hereinbefore prescribed for the City of Baltimore, and shall take similar receipts for the same.

BOARD OF CANVASSERS

133. Custody of Return Sheets. *It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners, County Councils, Clerks of Court, Mayor, Register of Wills and Supervisors of Elections, respectively, to keep safely, under lock and key, the original statements or returns, return sheets and tally-sheets, until the board of canvassers for the county or city, as the case may be, shall have assembled and been organized according to law, as hereinafter provided; whereupon the Clerks of Court, County Commissioners, County Councils, Mayor, Register of Wills and Supervisors of Elections shall immediately deliver or transmit to such board of canvassers the said statements or returns, return sheets and tally-sheets in the sealed envelopes.*

134. Organization of Local Board of Canvass. *The Supervisors of Elections shall constitute a board of canvassers for their county or city, as the case may be. On the Thursday next following every election between the hours of ~~12~~ 10 o'clock ~~noon~~ A. M. and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the board of canvassers for each county shall meet at the usual place for holding the Circuit Court for the county, and the board of canvassers for Baltimore City and Montgomery County shall meet at the office of said Supervisors of Elections. Each board shall elect a chairman and secretary from their number. Each member of the board shall take an oath, which shall be administered and recorded by the clerk of the said court, to truly canvass, add up and declare the votes as required by law. At their first meeting a majority of the whole board shall be a quorum. If a majority shall not attend on the Thursday aforesaid, the canvassers present shall adjourn to the next day, when they shall meet again between the same hours. The canvassers then attending, although less than a majority of the whole number, shall organize themselves as a board, and shall perform the duties required by law; and all questions arising in the course of their proceedings shall be determined by a majority of the canvassers so attending. All the sessions, deliberations and proceedings of the board shall be public, and the candidates and their counsel shall have the right to attend and to inspect the original statements and returns, and all other documents and records.*

135. Statements of Votes Cast. *The board of canvassers, upon being duly organized, shall open all the original statements or returns and tally-sheets delivered or transmitted to them, and shall canvass and add up the votes and make abstracts or statements thereof in the following manner, as the case may require: All votes for Governor shall be written out in words at length on one sheet; in like manner, all votes for other State officers shall be written out on another sheet; all votes for Presidential electors, on another sheet; all votes for Judges of Courts, on another sheet; all votes for Sena-*