

in each election district or precinct of each county, and each election precinct of the city of Baltimore, in which any of the elections hereinbefore mentioned is to be held, to certify to the boards of supervisors of election respectively, immediately after the close of the last sitting of the registers in each year, the number of registered voters in each voting district or precinct of the several counties and of the city of Baltimore, as the case may be; the officers hereinbefore charged with the duty of preparing the ballots shall respectively furnish the ballots for use in each such election, and also cause to be printed without the fac-simile endorsements, ten or more copies of the form of the ballot provided for each voting place at each election therein, which shall be called specimen ballots, and shall be furnished with the other ballots provided for each such voting place.

Duty of registers.

Shall furnish ballots.

143. It shall be the duty of the secretary of State and of the said supervisors of elections respectively, to furnish any persons applying therefor copies of any certificates of nominations, nomination papers or withdrawal papers filed with them for which they shall be entitled to charge at the same rates as for copies of other documents in their offices, such costs to be paid by the mayor and city council of Baltimore and county commissioners respectively.

To furnish copies.

144. The said boards of supervisors of election respectively, shall four days at least prior to the day of any election in the said cities and their counties respectively, cause to be conspicuously posted in one or more public places in each voting precinct of said cities and in each voting district or precinct of the counties respectively, sample copies of the ballots to be used in such district or precinct.

Shall post.

145. The board of supervisors of elections shall the day preceding the election deliver to the board of police of the city of Baltimore, all the ballots, specimen ballots and cards of instruction, and the second day before the election, the supervisors of elections of each county shall deliver to the sheriff of the county, the ballots, specimen ballots and cards of instruction; the said two sets of ballots shall be delivered in separate sealed packages, with marks on the outside, clearly designating the several polling-places for which the respective packages are intended, and the number of ballots of each kind enclosed, and the said board of police and sheriffs shall give their receipts therefor; a record shall be kept by said boards of supervisors, of the time when such delivery was made, and of the particulars thereof, and the same with said receipts shall be preserved for one year, unless a contest hath occurred with reference to any office which was embraced in the ballots and then until the contest is ended when they shall be destroyed.

Specimen ballots and cards of instructions.