

except as to those write-in candidates whose votes shall amount to at least one per centum of the total vote cast for the office for which such person is a candidate or unless the total number of votes cast for such write-in candidate shall constitute a plurality of all votes cast for candidates for such office, in which event a statement of returns shall be transmitted by said board of canvassers.

(c) In all elections the clerks of the circuit courts in the counties and the Superior Court in Baltimore City shall within five days upon receipt of the statements from the board of canvassers transmit certified copies of the statements and certificates to the Governor and the Secretary of State. Within five days after the adjournment of the board of canvassers the said clerk shall deposit the said certified copies in the nearest post office, addressed respectively to the Governor and to the Secretary of State.

(d) When the election reports required by law have been duly filed, the clerk of the court shall issue and deliver to each person having the highest number of votes for the several county and city offices a certificate of election.

(e) The canvassing board shall also make a statement of the whole number of votes given in each precinct and county or city, with the names of the candidates and the number of votes given for each in tabular form, and, if the same can be done without charge, shall cause a copy of such statement to be forthwith published in one or more of the newspapers printed in the counties or in the City of Baltimore.

17-6. Declaration of election.

In the canvass of votes by the canvassing board for the city or county herein provided, said board shall, unless otherwise provided in the Constitution of this State, declare who is elected or nominated, as the case may be, to or for any city or county office or to or for any office voted for only within the territory of such city or county.

17-7. Errors of board of canvassers.

(a) Whenever it shall be made to appear by affidavit filed within the time period stated in Sec. 13-1 of this Article that errors have occurred in the determination of the board of canvassers of any county or city in the State, the circuit court of the county or the Superior Court of Baltimore City may by order require the board of canvassers to correct such errors or show cause why such corrections should not be made; and in the event of the failure of the board of canvassers to make such corrections, or show cause as aforesaid, said court may compel the board of canvassers by writ of mandamus to correct such errors, and if the board of canvassers shall have made its determination and dissolved, the court may compel it to convene for the purpose of making such corrections. For the purpose of making such corrections as the court shall order, the meeting of the board of canvassers shall be deemed a continuation of its regular session, and the statements and certificates shall be made and filed as the court shall direct, and so far as the same shall vary from the original statements and certificates, the statements and certificates made under the order of court shall stand in lieu thereof, and shall in all cases have the same effect as if corrected statements had been a part of the original statement required by law.