

and its contents so enclosed, and the other judge, who is also an officer of registration, shall receive and hold the key thereof, and the package of unused ballots sealed up by said judges; each of said two judges shall 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 also one of the tally sheets, sealed up in an envelope as aforesaid, and the meeting of the judges and clerks shall then be dissolved; before twelve o'clock, noon, of the second day after said election, the two judges so having custody thereof, shall deliver said ballot-boxes, keys, packages of unused ballots, registers, statements of votes cast and tally sheets to the proper officers in their respective counties, as hereinbefore prescribed for the city of Baltimore, and shall take similar receipts for the same. It shall be the duty of the supervisors of election in the several counties and in said city to attend at their respective offices on the days named for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.

Condition of
ballot-
boxes to be
noted.

71. The Board of Supervisors of Elections, upon receiving a ballot-box and the key thereof, shall note the condition of the seal or stamp on each box, and make an entry of the facts touching the same in a book to be kept by them, together with the name of the officer who delivered the box. They shall deliver all the ballot boxes so sealed, as aforesaid, to the clerks of the Circuit Court for their respective counties, or to the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore city, as the case may be, who shall put them in a secure place, to which the public shall in no case have access, and shall safely keep them for the space of six months from the day of such delivery, at which time unless previously notified to produce the same to be used in evidence in some contested election or judicial or legislative investigation then pending, the said Board of Supervisors shall, in the presence of one or more judges of the Orphans' Court, destroy said ballots and poll-books, also all of the said tallies, including those delivered to the register of wills, and shall record in the same book a certificate of the fact signed by said judge or judges.

To be kept
six months.

CANVASSING BOARDS.

72. It shall be the duty of the said County Commissioners, clerks of court and Mayor, respectively, to keep safely under lock and key the said original statements or returns 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

Boards of
canvassers.