

79. Whenever it shall be made to appear by affidavit 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 said board to correct such errors or show cause why such corrections should not be made; and in the event of the failure of said board to make such correction, or show cause as aforesaid, said court may compel said board, by a writ of mandamus, to correct such errors, and if said board of canvassers shall have made its determination and dissolved, said court may compel it to reconvene 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 such corrected statements had been a part of the original statement required by law. The practice in said cases shall be as in mandamus proceedings, and the court shall determine the time for the speedy hearing thereof, in its discretion; and for the purpose of service of papers and other proceedings the board of canvassers, as organized and existing at the time of making the original canvass, shall be deemed a continuing board. There shall be the same right of appeal as in other mandamus cases, but such appeal shall be taken within five days from the date of the decision complained of, and shall be heard and decided by the Court of Appeals as soon after the transmission of the record as possible, and the testimony taken in such cases shall be sent up to the Court of Appeals as part of the record.

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80. The Secretary of State, Comptroller, Treasurer, Clerk of the Court of Appeals and Attorney General shall constitute the board of State canvassers, three of whom shall be a quorum. The Secretary of State shall appoint the meeting of the said board, to be held at his office within thirty days after any State election; if a majority do not attend, those present shall adjourn until the next day, at which time they shall proceed, without further delay, to canvass the votes. The board when thus formed shall, from the certified copies of the statements made by the boards of city and county canvassers, proceed to make a statement of the whole number of

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