

election the Governor shall, within five days after the receipt of such decision, issue his proclamation declaring such election void, and the vacancy in the office to have been filled by said election shall be filled in the same manner as would be required by law in case said vacancy had arisen from the death of the successful candidate after his election. If any candidate shall have been so found or decided to have been so guilty in person of corrupt practices, he shall be ineligible to election or appointment to any public office or employment for the period of four years from the date of said election; but the mere finding or decision that his political agent was so guilty shall not render him ineligible to office; but where the judge or judges shall decide or certify upon his or their jury's findings in any case that any such successful candidate was guilty of corrupt practices only in the person of his agent, and that (a) no corrupt practice was committed by the candidate personally and the offense was committed contrary to his order and without his sanction or connivance; (b) the offense was of a trivial, unimportant and limited character; (c) in all other respects such election was free from corrupt practice on the part of such candidate and of his political agent, then the election of such candidate shall not be void, nor shall the candidate be subject to any ineligibility therefor.*

Primary Elections.

1908, ch. 737, sec. 160A. 1910, ch. 741, sec. 160A (p. 113). 1912, ch. 2. 1912, ch. 134. 1914, ch. 163, sec. 160A. 1914, ch. 475, sec. 160A.

178. Political parties which at the general election held on November 2nd, 1909, in the State of Maryland, or which at any future general election next preceding any primary election to be held hereunder, as shall have polled ten per cent. of the entire vote cast in the State at such or any such general election, shall hereafter nominate all their candidates for public office in and for Baltimore City, and the several counties of the State and for Judges and for the House of Representatives of the Federal Congress, and shall elect all delegates to county, legislative district, Congressional, City and State conventions, and all members of managing bodies in said political parties, in and for Baltimore City and the several counties of the State, and all precinct, ward, city and county executive or executive committees, whenever the political party usage provides for such executive committees, or any of the same, by means of primary elections conducted under and in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title and not otherwise, except as herein specifically provided, and the several boards of supervisors of elections shall not print on the official ballot to be voted at any general or special election to be hereafter held the name or names of any such candidate or candidates for election in Baltimore City or any of the counties of

*Section 2 of the act of 1912, chapter 228, contains a very broad "saving" clause as to prior offenses, pending cases, etc.