

ties of the State, upon the opening of the ballot boxes by the judges, they shall count and announce the whole number of envelopes, representing the whole number of ballots, in the ballot boxes for the several parties in similar manner to that provided by this article for official ballots at general elections, and, in counting the ballots, the judges shall carefully examine the ballots and the envelopes containing the same, and if any envelope shall be found not of the character required by this article, or if any mark or device be found on any envelope, shall be found not of the character required by this article, or if any mark or device be found on any envelope or peculiar folding by which, in the opinion of the majority of the judges, the same may be identified so to indicate who may have cast the same, the ballot so marked, or the ballot contained in the envelope so marked or folded, or improperly substituted, shall not be counted; and when more than one ballot shall be found in an envelope neither of the ballots therein shall be counted, nor shall a ballot be counted when found in an envelope furnished for a different political party than that for which the ballot was provided; and the intention, so far as the same may be ascertained from each ballot itself, shall, in the absence of any unlawful or fraudulent mark or device thereon or enclosed therewith or on the envelope containing the same, prevail; and in case any voter putting his ballot in the envelope shall mutilate the envelope, he may return the same and receive a new envelope in lieu thereof under the same conditions and penalties as provided in this article for new ballots at general elections; and in case a lawful ballot contained in a proper envelope shall be mutilated by any of the judges of elections in opening the envelope, the ballot shall not be thrown out for that reason; and if an envelope shall be deposited in the ballot box inadvertently without being properly sealed and without being detected by the judge receiving the same, or shall become unsealed in the ballot box, a lawful ballot contained therein shall not be thrown out for that reason; and if an envelope shall be deposited in the ballot box inadvertently without being properly sealed and without being detected by the judges receiving the same, or shall become unsealed in the ballot box, a lawful ballot contained therein shall not be thrown out for that reason; and if the voter shall hand a ballot in an unsealed envelope to the judge for depositing the same in the ballot box, and the judge detects that the same is unsealed, the envelope, with the ballot therein, shall be returned to the voter, who shall be directed to return to the privacy of the booth and there seal the envelope before again tendering it to the judge to be placed in the ballot box. If in Baltimore City or in any county more names are marked for any office than there are persons to be voted for, such ballots shall not be counted for such candidate or delegates, or other persons to be voted for, as the case may be; but the whole ballot shall not for that reason be rejected for candidates for other offices or positions, if any, and a ballot marked by any other than a black lead pencil shall not be counted. No vote shall be counted in any such county for any person, after whose-