

visors of Elections shall act and be judges of election for counting said ballots acting as such in the premises within their respective geographical jurisdictions.

Upon the filing of said petition as aforesaid accompanied by affidavits made by officers of election or by watchers, challengers or by other persons setting forth acts of fraud, mistake, error or irregularity in making said count or returns by the Judges of Election or setting forth that some of the returns and tally sheets of said primary election show on their face ambiguity, error, or fraud, mistake or miscalculation by the judges of election, or if no such affidavits are filed with said petition and the petitioner in lieu of such affidavits offers to give and does give bond, in amount to be fixed in each instance and approved by a judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City or of the Circuit Court for the county as the case may be, to pay the reasonable costs of said appeal, recount, review and recanvass. The said Supervisors shall in either event produce before them the ballot boxes, returns, tally sheets and paraphernalia of said election and shall proceed forthwith in a summary way without answer, pleading or technicality and without requiring any evidence to be taken or proof submitted, to review the actions of the Judges of Elections and recount the ballots in the precincts named in said petition in said county, city, legislative district, ward or other political division thereof as the case may be.

Said review, recount and recanvass shall be had with all possible expedition and dispatch and in preference to all other business under such mode of procedure as the Supervisors of Elections shall prescribe by means of tellers appointed by them on the recommendation of and with equal representation to the opposing candidates. The said supervisors to pass upon and decide whether any ballot contested by the teller for either side shall be rejected or counted. They shall sit for said purpose in the court room of the Superior Court of Baltimore City or of the Circuit Court for the county as the case may be every day, including Saturdays, at least from nine o'clock A. M. to five o'clock P. M., with one hour's intermission for lunch until said review, recount and recanvass is completed. Said recount shall be had in the presence of the candidates or their representatives and of the press and general public. Upon the completion of said recount and recanvass the said Supervisors shall award the costs of the same as follows:

If the result in such county, municipality, legislative district or other district or political division as returned by the judges of election is changed thereby or if there is a change thereby of two per cent. of the total votes recounted the costs shall be awarded against the municipality or county in which said recount is held. But if the result in such county, municipality or legislative district or other political division is not changed thereby nor two per cent. or more of the votes therein recounted is found to have been erroneously counted, then the costs shall be awarded against the petitioner, and his bond, if given as above, shall be liable therefor.