

Supervisors, and shall duly certify that said sets of books, so copied, contain all the names of the persons entitled to vote in such election precinct or district, such said certificate shall appear on the blank line next following the last name in each letter of the alphabetical list of names in the new books so transcribed, and such said certification shall be attested by the clerk of the respective Boards of Supervisors. The law with respect to notice of the location of polling places shall apply to those established under the provisions of this section. It shall be the duty of the Boards of Supervisors to locate the polling places in any one precinct as close together as possible, so as to minimize any inconvenience to voters.

An. Code, sec. 128. 1904, sec. 126. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 118.

139. The board of supervisors of elections in the city of Baltimore shall, moreover, in every year in which such division is made, cause to be prepared maps of said city, showing the boundaries of the wards and precincts as established by said board. They shall furnish a sufficient number of copies of such maps to the officers of registration of each precinct, who shall keep one or more copies of such maps conspicuously posted in the offices of registration during their sittings, and the said board shall furnish copies of such maps to any person who shall apply for the same and pay fifty cents for each map so furnished him.

Contested Elections.

An. Code, sec. 129. 1904, sec. 127. 1888, sec. 93. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 119.

140. All contested elections for comptroller of the treasury, judges, clerks of the courts of law, and registers of wills shall be decided by the house of delegates, and the testimony shall be taken in such cases in the same manner as herein prescribed in the contested seats of the senate and house of delegates.

Secs. 140 to 156 are not applicable to primary elections. The contested elections of officers provided for by this section are elections at which the offices included are to be filled, and have no application to contests concerning the right to be candidates for such offices. The nominee of a political party is not an "officer," nor is a candidate for such nominee a candidate for an office within meaning of sec. 141. *Foxwell v. Beck*, 117 Md. 5.

Upon the return of judges of election, if Governor issues a commission to A., he is entitled to the office pending a contest before the house of delegates. The issuance of the commission terminates the official tenure of the predecessor. Upon a petition for mandamus to obtain possession of an office, the court of appeals is confined to the determination of legal right of petitioner to the office. The house of delegates alone can go behind election returns. *Brooke v. Widdicombe*, 39 Md. 386.

Decision of the house of delegates is final and conclusive; its jurisdiction is not special or limited. When house of delegates declares a man elected to an office, he is in same position as if he had been so returned by judges of election. *State v. Jarrett*, 17 Md. 309.

As to inquiry by committees on elections of the two houses, as to whether any member-elect is in default to the treasury, see art. 69, sec. 7.

An. Code, sec. 130. 1904, sec. 128. 1888, sec. 94. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 120.

141. All cases of contested elections of any of the officers not provided for in the constitution, or in the preceding section shall be decided by