

counted in ascertaining the presence of a quorum necessary for such election.

1896, ch. 211, sec. 11.

446. At the next regular election for members of the House of Delegates, this act shall be submitted to a vote of the persons legally qualified to vote at said election for members of the House of Delegates; and at said election the question of railroad subscription shall be printed upon the ballots after the list of candidates, with the words, "for railroad subscription," and the words, "against railroad subscription," so printed as to give each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross mark X, in a sufficient margin at the right of such submitted question, his answer to the submitted question, and the said vote so cast for railroad subscription or against railroad subscription, shall be accurately counted by the judges of election and duly returned by them to the clerk of the circuit court of said county, who shall, within twenty days after the receipt of said return, announce the result of said vote by proclamation, inserted in the newspapers published in said county. And if it appears that of the number of ballots cast for and against railroad subscription, a majority shall be "for railroad subscription," then all the provisions of the foregoing sections of this Act shall immediately after such proclamation take and go into effect.

1896, ch. 211, sec. 12.

447. This Act shall be published in the newspapers published in said county for two months preceding the next election to be held for members of the House of Delegates, and shall be subject to the approval of a majority of all the members elected to each House of the General Assembly of Maryland at the next session after the said election.

1898, ch. 200.

448. The Act passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at its January, Session, 1896, Chapter 211, entitled "An Act to authorize the County Commissioners of Dorchester County to subscribe to the capital stock of the Cambridge and Chesapeake Railroad Company," and which authorizes a subscription in the name of and for the said county to the amount of seventy-five thousand dollars to the capital stock of the said company, is hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

See sec. 579.

RECORDS BURNED.

P. L. L., 1888, Art. 10, sec. 264. 1860, Art. 10, sec. 152.

449. The records, or a copy thereof, of all deeds, wills or other papers or documents recorded under the laws passed to remedy the evils arising from the loss and destruction of papers and records occasioned by burning the Court House of Dorchester County, shall have the same effect as evidence or otherwise as the original records or copies thereof would have had if the same had not been burned or destroyed.