

cate of candidacy for nomination in any primary election shall at least fifteen days before the day of such primary election, in a writing signed by him or her, and acknowledged before a Justice of the Peace or Notary Public, notify the officer or Board with whom the certificate of candidacy is by this Article required to be filed, that he or she desires to withdraw as a candidate for such nomination, such certificate of candidacy shall thereupon be and become void, and the name of any person so withdrawing shall not be printed upon the ballots to be used at such primary election.

See notes to sec. 56.

59.

This section referred to in construing sec. 55. *Tull v. Fitzgerald*, 167 Md. 431.

Ballots and Ballot Boxes.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 69. 1912, sec. 63. 1904, sec. 61. 1896, ch. 202, sec. 56.
1920 (Special Sess.), ch. 1, sec. 63. 1922, ch. 305. 1924, ch. 594.
1935, chs. 105 and 140.

69. The polling places shall be opened by the judges of election at 6 o'clock A. M. in the City of Baltimore, and shall be kept open until 5 o'clock P. M. of the same day, at which time the polls shall be closed, and in the Counties the polling places shall be opened at 7 A. M. and shall be kept open until 7 P. M., at which time the polls shall be closed; except that in Garrett, Washington, Carroll, Montgomery, Calvert and Delmar District of Wicomico, the polling places shall be open at six o'clock A. M., and in Talbot County and Dorchester County the polling places shall not be opened until 8 A. M. If any judge or clerk shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for opening the polls the judge or judges present shall fill the place of the absent judge or clerk by appointing in his stead a person of the same political party as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge or clerk originally appointed. After the opening of the polls no judge or clerk shall absent himself therefrom until all the ballots cast shall have been counted and the returns completed. If, in case of absolute necessity, any judge or clerk in attendance shall be compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party with himself to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to such substitute the same oath as he himself has taken. Blank forms for the appointment of the substitute judges and clerks and the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the Supervisors, and the oath when administered shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the supervisors. The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes and the reason therefor, and the time when such substitute began and ceased to serve shall be noted by the judges in the poll book of the precinct; such substitute shall cease to act whenever the judge or clerk in whose stead he was appointed shall be present.