

judges of election; and the said judges, in the presence of one selected representative of each and every political party whose candidates are voted for at such election, to be designated in writing by said candidates, shall publicly take out the said ballots and read distinctly and aloud the name or names written or printed thereon respectively; and the clerks of said election shall carefully enter and keep an account of the same on the books of the polls, so that the number of votes for each candidate tallied thereon may be readily cast up and known; when all the ballots have been canvassed the poll clerks shall compare their tallies together and ascertain the total number of votes received by each candidate, and when they agree upon the numbers, one of them shall announce in a loud voice to the judges and those present the number of votes received by each candidate. In the several counties the sheriff, or such person as the judges shall name in the absence of the sheriff, or one of his deputies, and in Baltimore city the board of police commissioners shall have power, and it shall be their duty to preserve order during the counting of the votes, and see that the duly accredited representative of each party shall be admitted into the polling rooms to witness the count.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 35, sec. 26. 1805, ch. 97, sec. 13.

65. If upon opening any of the said ballots, there be found any more names written or printed on any of them than there ought to be, or if any two or more of such ballots or papers be deceitfully folded together, or if the purpose for which the vote is given is not plainly designated thereon, such ballot shall be rejected and not counted.

Certificates of the Number of Votes for Each Candidate.

P. G. L., (1860,) art. 35, sec. 27. 1805, ch. 97, sec. 14.

66. As soon as the ballots shall be read off and counted, and the number for each candidate reckoned up and ascertained, the judge or judges of election shall make out, under his or their hands, attested by the clerks of election, or one of them, on the books of the polls, two plain, fair and distinct statements and certificates of the number of votes which shall have been then and there given for each candidate, distinguishing the station or office for which he has been voted.