

in width and length, and eighteen inches in depth, strapped and secured on each edge and corner, with brass mouldings, securely brazed or soldered together at the junctions thereof, so as to prevent it from being easily broken; it shall have a strong wooden lid, which shall be fastened to the box with brass or iron hinges, not accessible from the outside, and shall have a good Yale lock; there shall be a slit in the lid just large enough to admit a single folded ballot at one time, and the sides and bottom of the box shall be of clear plate glass, not less than one-eighth of an inch in thickness. Each such box, when not in actual use at a polling place, shall be kept in a wooden case, for the protection of the same and its contents in the transportation and storage thereof.

1896, ch. 202.

49. It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of elections of each county and of the city of Baltimore to provide ballots for every election for public officers held under this article in which any voters within the county or said city shall participate, and to cause to be printed on the ballot the name of every candidate whose name has been certified to or filed with the proper officers in the manner herein provided for; but the said supervisors shall not be required to print any name upon a ballot if the same shall not have been certified to them at least six days before election day. Each ballot shall also contain a statement of every constitutional amendment or other question to be submitted to the vote of the people at any election. Ballots other than those printed by the respective boards of supervisors of elections, according to the provisions of this article, shall not be cast or counted in any election, except as hereinafter provided. Nothing in this article contained shall prevent any voter from writing on his ballot and marking in the proper place the name of any person other than those already printed for whom he may desire to vote for any office, and such votes shall be counted the same as if the name of such person had been printed upon the ballot and marked by the voter. Any voter may take with him into the polling place any printed or written memorandum or paper to assist him in marking or preparing his ballot, except a fac-simile of the ballot to be voted. Ballots shall be printed and in possession of the supervisors of elections at