

with the ballot-boxes, poll-books, blanks and stationery, as provided in section 54 of this article, and the other package of tickets, one for every precinct, shall be delivered by said board of supervisors of elections, a sufficient time before the election, to the sheriffs of their respective counties or to the board of police commissioners of Baltimore city, as the case may be, and it shall be the duty of the said sheriffs and board of police commissioners to have them on the day of election within said polling places, respectively, in their charge, or that of an officer designated by them, and to supply them to any judges of election, who shall then make requisition therefor in writing, stating their first supply of ballots has been exhausted or that for any cause the second set is needed. Said sheriffs and board of police commissioners shall receipt for the same, and keep a record of all such second sets of ballots so delivered by them to the judges of election, and they shall, on the day after the election, return all packages not so delivered to their respective boards of supervisors of elections, who shall cause them to be destroyed within ten days thereafter, unless the destruction thereof be stayed by order of court pending a contest. The several boards of supervisors shall keep a record of the number of all ballots printed for each polling place in their respective counties or city, and shall preserve the same for at least six months after the election for which it was made.

Elections.

1896, ch. 202.

54. The supervisors of elections of Baltimore city shall, not more than three days and not less than one day preceding the election, deliver to the board of police commissioners of the city of Baltimore, the two registers of every precinct of said city, together with the cards of instruction and ballot box therefor, the latter being locked, with the key in the lock, and containing one of the sealed packages of ballots for said precinct, the specimen ballots, the two poll-books and all blanks, indelible pencils and stationery required for such election; and the supervisors of elections of the several counties shall, within the same period prior to every election, make up into sealed packages for each precinct the two registers for said precinct,