

canvass of such ballots. In the city of Baltimore the judges shall immediately after such proclamation deliver to a policeman on duty at the polling place, a statement subscribed with their names, which shall be sealed up and forthwith conveyed by the said policeman to the office of the board of police commissioners, whose duty it shall be to file and preserve the same. Such statements shall contain the total number of votes in the ballot-box and the number of votes found therein for each and every candidate, and any person applying may inspect the same.

Election Returns.

1896, ch. 202.

68. The judges shall make duplicate statements or returns of the result of the canvass, each of which shall, if possible, be made upon a single sheet of paper and shall contain a caption stating the day on which and the number of the election precinct and the county or ward of the city in relation to which said statements shall be made, and the time of opening and closing the polls of such precinct, and showing the whole number of votes given for each person, designating the office for which they were given. Such statements shall be written or partly written, and partly printed in words at length, and in case a proposition of any kind has been submitted to a vote at such election, such statements shall also show in like manner the whole number of votes cast for or against such proposition, and at the end of such statement shall be written a certificate that the same is correct in all respects, which certificate and each sheet of paper forming part of the statement, shall be subscribed by the judges and clerks. If any judge or clerk shall decline to sign such return, he shall state his reason therefor in writing, and a copy thereof, signed by himself, shall be enclosed with each return. Each of the statements shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall then be securely sealed with sealing wax or other adhesive material, and each of the judges and clerks shall write his name across the fold of the envelope. One of the envelopes shall be directed to the clerk of the circuit court of the county or the Superior Court of Baltimore city, as the case may be, and one to the county commissioners or to the mayor of the city of Baltimore, as the case may be.