

1896, ch. 202.

71. The board of supervisors of elections, upon receiving a ballot-box and the key thereof, shall note the condition of the seal or stamp on each box, and make an entry of the facts touching the same in a book to be kept by them, together with the name of the officer who delivered the box. They shall deliver all the ballot-boxes so sealed, as aforesaid, to the clerks of the circuit court for their respective counties, or to the board of police commissioners of Baltimore city, as the case may be, who shall put them in a secure place, to which the public shall in no case have access, and shall safely keep them for the space of six months from the day of such delivery, at which time, unless previously notified to produce the same to be used in evidence in some contested election or judicial or legislative investigation then pending, the said board of supervisors shall, in the presence of one or more judges of the orphans' court, destroy said ballots and poll-books, also all of the said tallies, including those delivered to the register of wills, and shall record in the same book a certificate of the fact signed by said judge or judges.

Canvassing Boards.

Ibid.

72. It shall be the duty of the said county commissioners, clerks of court and mayor, respectively, to keep safely under lock and key the said original statements or returns until the board of canvassers for the county or city, as the case may be, shall have assembled and been organized according to law, as hereinafter provided; whereupon the clerks of court, county commissioners and mayor shall immediately deliver or transmit to such board of canvassers the said statements or returns in the sealed envelopes.

Ibid.

73. The supervisors of elections shall constitute a board of canvassers for their county or city, as the case may be.

Ibid.

74. On the Thursday next following every election, between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the board of county canvassers shall meet at the usual place for holding the circuit court for the county, and the board of canvassers