

completed, nor until the several statements hereinafter required to be made by the judges and clerks shall have been made out, signed and sealed by them. The judges shall have the right to station police officer or officers of the peace within the room wherein such canvass is made in order to keep the peace. The challengers and watchers shall be allowed to be present inside the guard-rail and so near that they can see that the judges and clerks are faithfully performing their duties.

1896, ch. 202, sec. 65.

**70.** Immediately after the closing of the polls before the ballot-box is opened all the coupons taken from the ballots cast shall be destroyed and each of the election clerks shall write his name in each of the poll-books immediately under the name of the last voter, and the judges shall write in ink, opposite to and against the name of each person entered in their registers who is not shown by said registers to have voted, and in the appropriate column headed "Voted" the word "No," so that the said column may be wholly filled up, and the judges shall then compare the registers, make them agree and ascertain the number of persons who by said registers are shown to have voted at that polling place on that day, and when they have made comparison and ascertained such facts they shall announce the same in a loud voice.

*Duvall v Miller*, 94 Md. 718.

*Ibid* sec. 66. 1901, ch. 2

**71.** The judges shall then open the ballot-box and count and announce the whole number of ballots in the box. They shall reject any ballots which are deceitfully folded together, and any ballots which do not have endorsed thereon the name or initials of the judge who held the ballots. If the voter has marked more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, or if there shall be any mark on the ballot other than the cross mark in a square opposite to the name of a candidate, or other than the name or names of any candidate written by the voter on the ballot as provided in section 53, his ballot shall not be counted. Ballots not counted for such defects shall be marked "defective" on the back thereof, and shall be wrapped in a separate package and returned to the ballot-box as hereinafter directed. No vote shall be counted for any candidate opposite whose name no cross mark shall be placed. They shall open the ballots, and all of them shall be canvassed separately by one of the judges sitting between two other