

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.

1896, ch. 202, sec. 73.

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

Ibid. sec. 74.

79. 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 for Baltimore city shall meet at the usual place for holding the superior court, and shall, respectively, elect a chairman and secretary from their number. Each member of the board shall take an oath, which shall be administered and recorded by the clerk of the said court, to truly canvass, add up and declare the votes as required by law. At their first meeting a majority of the whole board shall be a quorum. If a majority shall not attend on the Thursday aforesaid, the canvassers present shall adjourn to the next day, when they shall meet again between the same hours, and the canvassers then attending, although less than a majority of the whole number, shall organize themselves as a board, and shall perform the duties required by law, and all questions arising in the course of their proceedings shall be determined by a majority of the canvassers so attending. All the sessions, deliberations and proceedings of the board shall be public, and the candidates and their counsel shall have the right to attend and to inspect the original statements and returns, and all other documents and records.

Ibid. sec. 75

80. The board of canvassers shall upon being duly organized open all the original statements and returns delivered or transmitted to them, and shall canvass and add up the votes and make abstracts or statements thereof in the following manner, as the case may require, namely: All votes for governor shall be written out in words at length on one sheet, and,