

or names written or printed thereon respectively, and the clerks of said election shall carefully enter and keep an account of the same on the books of the polls, so that the number of votes for each candidate tallied thereon may be readily cast up and known; when all the ballots have been canvassed the poll clerks shall compare their tallies together, and ascertain the total number of voters received by each candidate, and when they agree upon the numbers one of them shall announce in a loud voice to the judges and those present the number of votes received by each candidate, as soon as the ballots shall be read off and counted, and the number for each candidate reckoned up and ascertained, the judge or judges of election shall make out under his or their hands, attested by the clerks of election or one of them on the books of the polls, two plain fair and distinct statements and certificates of the number of votes which shall have been then and there given for each candidate, distinguishing the station or office for which he has been voted; the said numbers shall be expressed in words at length and not in figures only according to the following form, or to the like effect, to-wit: State of Maryland, city of Hagerstown, to-wit: We the undersigned duly appointed by the board of supervisors of election of the city of Hagerstown in due form of law, judge or judges of election in this ward, number ————— do hereby certify and return that we did attend on the ——— day of ——— at ———, the place appointed by law for holding the elections within said ward, we further certify that we did then and there before a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, qualify as judge or judges of the election as by law directed, and did then and there at the hour of ——— o'clock in the morning open the polls for an election for ———; that we continued the polls open until six o'clock in the evening of the same day, when they were closed, the ballot box opened, and the ballots publicly counted, when it appeared that ——— votes as ——— given under our hands at the place of said election this ——— day of ——— attested by ——— clerk a copy of the count as entered and endorsed on the books of the polls as hereinbefore provided, shall at the close of said election as soon as the court is closed and result ascertained, be placed together with all the ballots cast at said election in the ballot box by the judges of election, and the ballot box shall be locked and the key removed therefrom, and the ballot box delivered to the chief judges of the election or his associate of the same political party, and the key thereof to the minority judge of election for safe keeping until as hereinafter provided, whereupon the judges of election shall all write their names on a strip of paper of sufficient length for the following purpose:

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