

for and against such election. At the end of such statements or returns there shall be a certificate that the same are correct in all respects, and said certificate shall be signed by all the judges and clerks of such election making the count and preparing the return. The statement or return shall be given to the custody of the Town Supervisor.

43M. (Refusal to sign Return.) In case any deputy judge or clerk shall decline to sign any such returns, he shall make a statement of his reasons for such refusal in duplicate, which shall include a statement as to which part of the return is correct, sign each of said duplicate copies of his reasons, and such statements shall be inclosed with the returns. Each of the above mentioned returns or statements, together with one of the statements of declination, if any there be, shall be inclosed in an envelope which shall be then securely sealed and each of the deputy judges and clerks shall write his name across the fold thereof. One of said envelopes shall be directed to the Mayor of Bladensburg, and the other to the Town Clerk and the supervisor of election shall take charge of these envelopes and deliver them to the respective parties to whom they are addressed at the time hereinafter mentioned.

43N. (Holding Ballots.) The deputy judges and clerks of election shall put back in the respective ballot boxes used at said election the ballots taken therefrom, and shall seal said ballot boxes by pasting a strip of paper over the slit, upon which slip the deputy judges and clerks of election shall sign their names so that the boxes may not be opened without destroying said seal. The ballot boxes containing the ballots shall be kept by the supervisor of election for thirty days from the date of said election, unless there is a recount, or contest in which case they shall be kept until said recounting or contest is finally concluded. After the thirty days has elapsed, or the recount or contest has been concluded, the supervisor of election shall open said ballot boxes and destroy said ballots.

43-O. (Report of Election Returns.) The Town Council shall on the first Wednesday after each election held under the provisions of this sub-title convene to receive the returns of election. When said meeting has been called to order, the supervisor of election shall attend and present to the Town Council and to the Town Clerk the returns of election respectively addressed to them. The Town Council shall then examine said returns and if they find them to be signed by all the judges and clerks of election, and identical, they