

shall canvass them and declare those persons elected who appear from the face of the returns to have received the highest number of votes, and shall issue certificates of election to said persons. In case any proposition or question other than the election of an officer shall have been submitted to the voters at said election, the Town Council shall in like manner declare whether or not such proposition has been carried or defeated.

43P. (Disagreement of Returns.) In case the returns are not signed by all the deputy judges and clerks of election, or in case the two sets of returns are not identical, the Town Council shall consider such returns and the statements, if any are accompanying them, signed by the election officials refusing to sign the returns, and, if they deem it necessary, make a recount of the ballots and they shall upon those papers or recount, or both, determine which parties, if any, are elected to the various offices, and shall issue certificates according to their determination. They shall in like manner, in case any proposition or question other than the election of officials has been submitted to the voters at said election, determine whether or not said proposition has been carried or defeated.

43Q. (Election Contest.) Any defeated candidate at such election may contest the same and the judge of the Circuit Court of Prince George's County shall have jurisdiction to determine such contest, and may adopt such modes of proceeding and adjudging costs in cases of contested election as to him may seem most satisfactory, subject to the pertinent provisions of Section 55. No such contest shall, however, be considered unless a petition is filed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County within seven days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, after the decision of the Town Council of the Town of Bladensburg on said election shall be made.

Any legally qualified voter who has voted at any election in said town on any question submitted to the voters shall have a similar right to contest the result of such election to be exercised in a similar way.

43R. (Tie Vote in Election.) In the event of a tie vote another election shall be held as soon as practicable to elect one of the candidates so tied, limited, if for Councilman only, to the ward in which the tie vote occurred. Such special election shall be held in accord with the election provisions of this charter so far as they are applicable.