

to enter in the column headed "remarks" the fact that such entry was made, altered or stricken out, and the date thereof.

Any registered voter who has declined to affiliate with any political party and opposite whose name under the column "party affiliation" is written the word "declined," or the word "independent" or any word showing a failure to affiliate with any political party, and who has not appeared before the board of registry as hereinbefore set forth and affiliated with some political party prior to the primary election shall not be permitted to vote at such primary election or any subsequent primary election until he has so affiliated with the party in whose primary he desires to vote.

217. Within seven days after the day of any primary election any candidate for a nomination or for delegate to any convention or for executive or member of any committee or position who has been defeated on the face of the returns may petition the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City or of any county of the State for an appeal from and review of the action and decision of the judges of election in counting the ballots and for a recanvass and recount of the ballots cast in any or all of the precincts of said county or city or ward or legislative district or political division therein or if said candidate was running for a State office or for Congress or for judge he may petition for said recount in two or more counties or legislative districts or wards or precincts of Baltimore City simultaneously.

The Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and of the several counties of the State are hereby given jurisdiction and power to hear and determine said appeals; to review and correct the action of the Judges of Election in their respective jurisdictions and to recanvass, recount and certify said result of said primary election. And for all the purposes of said review, recount, recanvass, etc., the said Supervisors of Elections shall act and be judges of election for counting said ballots acting as such in the premises within their respective geographical jurisdictions.

Upon the filing of said petition as aforesaid accompanied by affidavits made by officers of election or by watchers, challengers or by other persons setting forth acts of fraud, mistake, error or irregularity in making said count or returns by the Judges of Election or setting forth that some of the returns and tally-sheets of said primary election show on their face ambiguity, error, or fraud, mistake or miscalculation by the judges of election, or if no such affidavits are filed with said petition and the petitioner in lieu of such affidavits offers to give and does give bond, in amount to be