

CHAP. 544

Note the condition of the seal or stamp on each box.

76. The Board of Supervisors of Elections, upon receiving a ballot-box and the key thereof, shall note the condition of the seal or stamp on each box, and make an entry of the facts touching the same in a book to be kept by them, together with the name of the officer who delivered the box. They shall deliver all the ballot-boxes so sealed as aforesaid to the clerks of the Circuit Court for their respective counties, or to the Board of Police Commissioners of Baltimore city, as the case may be, who shall put them in a secure place to which the public shall in no case have access, and shall safely keep them for the space of six months from the day of such delivery, at which time, unless previously notified to produce the same to be used in evidence in some contested election or judicial or legislative investigation then pending, said Board of Supervisors shall destroy or cause to be destroyed said ballots and poll-books, also all of the said tallies and statements or returns, and shall record in the same book a certificate of the fact.

Repeal and re-enact.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Sections 77, 80 and 83 of Article 33 of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland of 1904, title "Elections," sub-title "Canvassing Boards," being respectively Sections 72, 75 and 78 of said Article, as it was enacted by the Act of 1896, Chapter 202, entitled "An Act to repeal Article 33, entitled 'Elections,' of the Code of Public General Laws of Maryland," and the several Acts and parts of Acts amendatory thereto, be and the same are hereby severally repealed and re-enacted with amendments, so as to read as follows :

Duties of county commissioners, etc.

77. It shall be the duty of the said County Commissioners, clerks of court, Mayor, register of wills and supervisors of elections, respectively, to keep safely, under lock and key, the said original statements or returns and tally-sheets 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, Mayor, register of wills and supervisors of elections shall immediately deliver or transmit to such board of canvassers the said statements or returns and tally-sheets in the sealed envelopes.

Duty of board of canvassers

80. The board of canvassers shall, upon being duly organized, open all the original statements or returns and tally-sheets delivered or transmitted to them, and shall canvass and