

there, at the hour of — o'clock in the morning, open the polls for an election for —; that we continued the polls open until — 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 — has — 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 count 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 judge 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: Said strip shall be pasted over the key hole of the ballot-box in such manner that the signatures shall extend across the opening of the lid, and so that when the key is inserted, it will tear the paper so pasted over the key hole of the ballot-box; such papers shall be securely fastened to the box with sealing wax or other adhesive material; within one day after an election, and on said election day, if practicable, the ballot-box and the key thereof shall be delivered to the register of Frederick city, who shall safely keep the same for the space of six months from the day of such delivery, at which time said ballot-box shall be opened by said register and said ballots destroyed; during which space of six months said ballot-box shall not be opened, except when ordered in an investigation or contested election; the presiding judges of election, or in case of inability to attend, one of the other judges shall, within one day after each election, under the penalty of two hundred dollars, meet in the office of the register of Frederick city with the books of the polls and the certificates; the aforesaid judges so assembled shall cast up the whole vote of all the aldermanic districts, if an election be held for an officer to be voted for by all citizens of Frederick, and for the respective aldermanic district when an officer has been voted for by the voters of such respective aldermanic district, and shall then make out a plain, fair and distinct statement and certificate of the number of votes which shall have been given for such candidate for each of the offices voted for at said election, and the same shall then be filed with said register, the form of

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to register.