

417. As soon as the ballots shall be read off and counted, and the number for each candidate reckoned up and ascertained, the judge or judges of election shall make out, under his or their hands, attested by the clerks of election or one of them, on the poll book, a plain, fair and distinct certificate of the number of votes which shall have been then and there given for each candidate, distinguishing the station or office for which he has been voted; such certificate to be as near as possible in the form of the like certificate required from the judges of election under the general election law of this State.

418. The return judges of election shall return, on the day following the day on which any election shall be held under this law, before twelve o'clock, noon, the ballots cast and the ballots rejected at such election, in separate sealed packages, and the poll books and certificates aforesaid, to the presiding officer of the managing convention of the political association or party under whose authority the election was called, who shall immediately thereupon publicly announce the result; such packages shall be destroyed after the expiration of thirty days, by said presiding officer, without breaking the seal unless they are, before that time, demanded by the executive committee of such managing convention, to be used as evidence in cases of contest among any of the candidates at such election.

419. The executive committee of any such managing convention shall have full power to hear and determine all questions of contest between any candidates voted for at such election, and to prescribe the rules to govern all such contests, and may demand and receive for such purpose from the presiding officer of such convention, the poll books, certificates and ballots returned to him by the judges of election; and for such purpose shall have power to summon witnesses and examine them under oath, to be administered by the acting chairman of such committee.

420. It shall be the duty of the return judges of said election, immediately after each election at which he has acted as such, to appear before the Grand Jury of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, to be examined touching any and all violations of