

use of the voters therein, the Board of Supervisors shall deliver to said judges through the hands of a policeman, the second set of ballots, taking a receipt from said Judges therefor, a record shall be kept by said Board of Supervisors of the time when such delivery was made and of the particulars thereof, and the same with said receipts shall be preserved for six months, unless a contest has occurred with reference to any office which was embraced in the ballots and then until the contest is ended, when they shall be destroyed. In no case, however, shall the ballots be destroyed until after six months from the date of the election.

SEC. 162. When the polls shall be closed the box wherein the ballots are deposited shall immediately thereafter be opened by the judges of election, and the said judges shall take out the said ballots and read distinctly and loud, the name or names printed thereon; and the clerks of said election shall carefully enter and keep account of the same on the books of the polls, so that the number of votes for each candidate tallied thereon may be readily cast up and known; when all the ballots have been canvassed the poll clerks shall compare their tallies together, and ascertain the total number of votes received by each candidate, and when they agree upon the numbers one of them shall announce in a loud voice to the judges and those present the number of votes received by each candidate; as soon as the ballot shall be read off and counted and the number of 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 books of the polls two plain, fair and distinct statements and certificates of the number of votes which shall have been then and there given for each candidate distinguishing a station or office for which he has been voted; the said number shall be expressed in words at length and not in figures only, according to the following form; or to the like effect, to wit: State of Maryland, City of Hagerstown, to wit: We, the undersigned duly appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Election of the City of Hagerstown, in due form of law, judge or judges of election in this ward Number..... do hereby certify and return that we did attend on the..... day at the place appointed by law for holding the elections within said ward, we further certify that we did then and there before, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, qualify as judge or judges for the election, as by law directed, and did then and there at the hour of 6 o'clock in the morning, open the polls for an election for Mayor and