

time presiding over the court in which the contest is instituted, with surety or sureties to be approved by him, a summons shall forthwith issue from such court addressed to the Supervisors of Elections for or having jurisdiction over such political unit or for the City of Baltimore in which such contest is instituted, notifying them of the filing of such petition and directing them to appear in such court with the ballots and ballot boxes of the precinct or precincts in which the irregularities are charged, at the time named in such summons, which shall be not less than five nor more than ten days from the filing of such petition. The procedure in such cases shall be the same as that provided by law for contesting any election for public office so far as the same is applicable.

In case of a contest of election in any precinct of any political unit herein designated or the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall withhold the certificate of such election returns for such political unit or the City of Baltimore in which such precinct is located until the court decides such contest. Immediately following such decision of the court the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall make the returns as herein provided; such decision shall be made by the court not later than six months from the date of the election.

The said court shall have final jurisdiction to hear and determine the merits of such cases, and if the said court shall discover that fraud has been committed in any precinct and the legal votes cannot be separated from the illegal votes or ballots so that the correct result can be ascertained, then the whole number of ballots cast in such precinct on said question so submitted to the voters of the political units herein designated shall be rejected by the said court and not counted and the Supervisors of Elections shall not make any return of the votes cast in such precinct, and the rejection of such ballots shall in no way render invalid the result of such election.

SEC. 6A. This Act shall not apply to, nor prohibit the manufacture for sale of alcoholic, spirituous and vinous, malt and intoxicating liquors by persons and Corporations now engaged in the manufacture thereof or the transportation thereof by said persons and Corporations where such liquors are manufactured for sale and sold only for delivery for shipment to places beyond the State or to places within the State where such sale is not now or hereafter prohibited by law.