

permit every person to vote at such election who shall be duly qualified, and that he will not suffer any person to vote at such election who shall not be legally qualified to vote." And in case of failure of any of the said person or persons to appear and qualify, the Mayor shall issue a certificate to one or more persons to act as such judge or clerk who shall qualify as above. After the election they shall return to the clerk under their hands the number of votes cast and for whom cast, who shall file the same at once and issue a certificate of election to the person or persons receiving the largest number of votes for the respective offices, provided that for the first registration and election held under this charter the present Commissioners of Chestertown shall conduct the same in accordance with the provisions of this Act. All elections provided for hereunder shall be held at some place to be designated by the supervisors and the polls shall be open between 9.00 A. M. and 6.00 P. M.

After the election has been completed and returns made, the ballots shall be returned to the ballot boxes from which they were removed. A paper seal with the signatures of the judge and clerk thereon shall be pasted upon said ballot box in such manner that the box cannot be opened without breaking said seal, and said box sealed as aforesaid shall then be retained by the Supervisors of Election for a period of thirty days, after which it may be opened and the ballots destroyed. Provided, however, that if there be a contest of the election said ballots shall not be destroyed until after the decision of the Judge of the Circuit Court. Any candidate of said election may contest the same and the Judge of the Circuit Court of Kent County shall have jurisdiction to determine such contests and may adopt such modes of procedure and adjudging costs in cases of contested election as to him may seem most satisfactory. No such contests shall, however, be considered unless said petition is filed in the Circuit Court of Kent County within seven days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, after the decision of the Mayor and Council of Chestertown on said election shall be made.

93. In the event that there shall be a failure to make any nomination for any one or more of the offices to be filled hereunder in accordance with the above provisions, then it shall be lawful to nominate by filing a written statement of candidacy and nominating petition as aforesaid, by a candidate or candidates, as the case may be, for such office or offices at any time prior to the holding of said election.