

in the opinion of the Judges shall appear to have been placed thereon for the purpose of distinguishing said ballot from others, shall be rejected by them and not counted.

After the Election Officials shall have counted the ballots, and shall have compared the poll books with the number of ballots, and found them to be correct, they shall make duplicate statements or returns of the results of the canvass of said votes, each of which statements or returns shall contain a caption showing the date on which said election was held and the hours thereof, and showing the number of votes given to each candidate. In case any proposition other than the election of officials shall be submitted to the voters at any such election under the provisions of this or any other Act of Assembly, such results shall show in like manner the number of votes for and against such election. At the end of such statements or returns there shall be a certificate that the same are correct in all respects, and said certificate shall be signed by all the Judges and Clerks of such election.

In case any Judge or Clerk shall decline to sign any such returns, he shall make a statement of his reasons for such refusal in duplicate, sign each of said duplicate copies of his reasons, and such statements shall be inclosed with the returns. Each of the above mentioned returns or statements, together with one of the statements of declination, if any there be, shall be inclosed in an envelope which shall be then securely sealed and each of the Judges and Clerks shall write his name across the fold thereof. One of said envelopes shall be directed to the Commissioners of Bladensburg, and the other to the Town Clerk and Treasurer, and the Supervisors of Election shall take charge of these envelopes and deliver them to the respective parties to whom they are addressed at the time hereinafter mentioned.

The Judges and Clerks of Election shall put back in the respective ballot boxes used at said election the ballots taken therefrom, and shall seal said ballot boxes by pasting a strip of paper over the slit, upon which slip the Judges and Clerks of Election shall sign their names so that the boxes may not be opened without destroying said seal. The ballot boxes containing the ballots shall be kept by the Supervisors of Election for thirty days from the date of said election, unless there is a recount, in which case they shall be kept until said recounting is finally concluded. After the thirty days has elapsed, or the recount has been concluded, the Supervisors of Election shall open said ballot boxes and destroy said ballots.

The Commissioners shall on the first Wednesday after each election held under the provisions of this Act, convene to receive the returns of election. When said meeting has been called to order, the Supervisors of Election shall attend and