

State Senate, shall submit the same to the President of the Senate of Maryland; or when the election is for Governor or Delegate to the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Maryland, or a Judge, or a Clerk of a Court of Law, or a Register of Wills, to the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland, or when the election is for a State's Attorney, to the judges having criminal jurisdiction of the county and city wherein he shall be elected. In case such petition relates to any other office than those above referred to, the trial judge or judges shall file immediately with the Governor his or their decision or the finding or verdict of the jury in cases where there has been a jury trial, as to whether or not the successful candidate, or a political committee or treasurer or political agent, acting for or in his behalf, was so guilty of corrupt practices, and said trial judge or judges shall also file with the Governor his or their decision, and as to whether or not, upon the findings in such case, such election was void as hereinafter provided. If the said case shall be heard and tried by two judges, and they shall differ as to whether any such candidate in person, or in the person of his political agent, was so guilty of corrupt practices, or whether any such election was so void, they shall immediately so certify to the Secretary of State, or to the Governor, as the case may be, and they shall also file a transcript of the evidence with such certificate. In case the decision or finding so to be filed with the Governor shall be that any successful candidate so petitioned against was in person, or in the person of a treasurer or sub-treasurer or his political agent, or through any political committee acting for or in his behalf, so guilty of corrupt practices, such election shall be void, except as hereinafter provided, and in case of such void election the Governor shall, within five days after the receipt of such decision, issue his proclamation declaring such election void, and the vacancy in the office to have been filled by said election shall be filled in the same manner as would be required by law in case said vacancy had arisen from the death of the successful candidate after his election. If any candidate shall have been so found or decided to have been so guilty in person of corrupt practices, he shall be ineligible to election or appointment to any public office or employment for the period of four years from the date of said election; but the mere finding or decision that his political agent was so guilty shall not render him ineligible to office; but where the judge or judges shall decide or certify upon his or their jury's findings in any case that any such successful candidate was guilty of corrupt practices only in the person of his agent, and that (a) no corrupt practice was committed by the candidate personally and the offense was committed contrary to his order and without his sanction or connivance; (b) the offense was of a trivial, unimportant and limited character; (c) in all other