

and subscribe such oath, nor shall said Board be required to administer such oath, prior to the day of such election.

(I) Upon the closing of the polls, said Board of Election Supervisors shall count the votes and publicly announce the result of such election.

(J) Within one (1) week after publicly announcing the result of such election, said Board of Election Supervisors shall make a certificate, to be sworn to by each member of said Board before a Justice of the Peace or other officer or person (including a Notary Public) authorized to administer oaths in Allegany County, stating the result of such election, and the number of votes cast for, and the number of votes cast against approval of the creation of a Special Taxing District. One such certificate, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filed by said Board of Election Supervisors with the Secretary of the State of Maryland, another such certificate, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filed with the Board of County Commissioners, and another such certificate, or a certified copy thereof, shall be filed by said Board among the records of said Village (in the event that the creation of a Special Taxing District is approved). Failure on the part of said Board of Election Supervisors to make or file such certificate shall in nowise affect the validity of such election.

(K) If in such election a greater number of persons shall vote "For Approval of the Creation of a Special Taxing District" than shall vote "Against Approval of the Creation of a Special Taxing District", the provision of this Act shall become effective and operative immediately.

(L) At the said election at which the residents of the said Special Tax Area shall vote for or against the creation of the said Special Taxing District, the several residents shall also vote for the nine persons to comprise the said Citizens' Committee until the next subsequent election in the month of April, 1952. The said Board of Election Supervisors shall arrange the ballots so that each person voting at said election shall be able to vote for nine persons but no more, to comprise the said Citizens' Committee. Nothing herein shall be construed to provide that any person who shall vote "Against Approval of the Creation of a Special Taxing District", shall not be able to vote for members of the said Citizens' Committee, but any person may vote for members of the said Citizens' Committee without affecting or prejudicing in any way his right to vote or not to vote upon the question of the creation of a Special Taxing District.