

the provisions of this paragraph shall have been complied with.

(P) The ballots shall be marked by the voters and counted by the Board of Election Supervisors in the same manner as provided by the General Election Laws of the State of Maryland. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes for each office shall be deemed elected to that office. In the case of a tie vote a run-off election shall be held to choose between the tied candidates, such election to be called by the Election Supervisors at the earliest date such election can legally be held.

(Q) After the ballots and votes have been counted, and the results ascertained, said Board of Election Supervisors shall, within twenty-four (24) hours, certify to the District Heights Commission the result of such election stating the names of the candidates and the number of votes cast for each, and shall, within the same period, post at least one copy of such certificate at the regular meeting place of said Commission. Such certificate shall be signed by each member of said Board of Election Supervisors. Provided, however, that failure on the part of said Board to make such certificate or to post copies thereof, or failure to do both of these acts, shall not invalidate such election. If said Board shall so fail to make such certificate, and post copies thereof, then it shall be the duty of the District Heights Commission to make such certificate and post such copies thereof.

(R) After said Board shall have counted the ballots and votes, and ascertained the result of the election, said Board shall file with the District Heights Commission all records and books in connection with such election.

(S) The Mayor and each of the Commissioners so elected shall, on or before the third Monday in May of the year when he shall have been elected, qualify as such Commissioner by taking an oath of office as prescribed by Paragraph J of Section 472 of this Article.

(T) In case any person so elected to the office of Mayor or Commissioner shall fail so to qualify, or in case of the vacancy in the Office of Mayor or Commissioner by death, resignation, or otherwise, the remaining Commissioners shall fill such vacancy by appointment to serve until the next annual election, and if the term of said Commissioner does not regularly expire at that time, then a successor to fill out the unexpired term shall be elected at said annual election. Any person so appointed shall possess the qualifica-