the speedy hearing thereof, in its discretion; and for the purpose of service of papers and other proceedings the board of canvassers, as organized and existing at the time of making the original canvass, shall be deemed a continuing board. There shall be the same right of appeal as in other mandamus cases ‡, but such appeal shall be taken within five days from the date of the decision complained of, and shall be heard and decided by the Court of Appeals as soon after the transmission of the record as possible. The testimony taken in such cases shall be sent to the Court of Appeals as part of the record‡ to the Court of Appeals.

146. Procedure in Court Contests. Each Judge of the Circuit Court and of the Superior Court of Baltimore City may adopt such modes of proceeding and adjudging costs in cases of contested elections as to him shall seem most satisfactory, but the rules of taking testimony in such cases shall be the same as those which regulate the taking of testimony in contested election cases cognizable by the House of Delegates. Either party shall have a right of appeal to the Court of Appeals, as in other cases, said appeal to be taken within five days from the date of the decision complained of. The appeal shall be heard and decided by the Court of Appeals as soon after transmission of the record as may be practicable, and the testimony taken in such cases shall be sent up to the Court of Appeals as part of the record.

230. PROCEDURE ON PETITION.

(A) PETITION. AT ANY TIME WITHIN THIRTY DAYS AFTER ANY ELECTION OR PRIMARY ELECTION HELD UNDER THE LAWS OF THIS STATE, ANY DEFEATED CANDIDATE AT SUCH ELECTION, OR ANY TEN DULY QUALIFIED VOTERS AT SUCH ELECTION, MAY PRESENT TO THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ANY COUNTY, OR TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF BALTIMORE CITY, A PETITION SETTING FORTH UNDER OATH THAT CORRUPT PRACTICES, CONTRARY TO THE PROVISIONS OF A SPECIFIED SECTION OR SECTIONS OF THIS ARTICLE, WERE COMMITTED BY THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES OR IN THE PERSON OF HIS OR THEIR AGENT OR AGENTS AT OR PRELIMINARY TO SUCH ELECTION, WITHIN THE COUNTY OR CITY IN WHICH SAID PETITION WAS FILED, NAMING THE SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE OR CANDIDATES AS DEFENDANTS, AND PRAYING THAT THE FACTS ALLEGED MAY BE INQUIRED INTO.

255. HONORABLY DISCHARGED ABSENTEES.

NO HONORABLY DISCHARGED ABSENTEE RESIDENT, REFERRED TO IN SUB-SECTION (C) OF PARAGRAPH 243 OF THIS SUB-TITLE, WHO HAS BEEN DISCHARGED MORE THAN ONE MONTH BEFORE THE LAST REGISTRATION DAY PRIOR TO AN ELECTION, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REGISTER UNDER THIS SUB-TITLE. ANY HONORABLY DISCHARGED ABSENTEE RESIDENT, REFERRED TO IN SAID SUB-SECTION (C), WHO HAS BEEN DISCHARGED LATER THAN ONE MONTH BEFORE THE LAST REGISTRATION DAY PRIOR TO AN ELECTION, SHALL BE ENTITLED TO REGISTER AND VOTE, IF OTHERWISE ENTITLED TO DO SO UNDER THIS SUB-TITLE, AND IF ON OR