

certain matters are omitted which should have been inserted, or that any mistakes exist, they shall immediately issue a subpoena to the judges who made such return, and to the clerks (in those precincts in which clerks shall have been appointed) who joined therein. Said judges and clerks shall forthwith attend and shall make such corrections as the facts in the case require; such changes shall not alter any decision previously duly made by them, but shall cause the canvass to be correctly stated. The said board of canvassers are authorized to adjourn from day to day for the purpose of obtaining and receiving corrected statements, such adjournment not to extend beyond three days.

139. Errors of Board of Canvassers. *(a) Corrections. Whenever it shall be made to appear by affidavit filed within the time period stated in Section 86 of this Article that errors have occurred in the determination of the board of canvassers of any county or city in the State, the Circuit Court of the County or the Superior Court of Baltimore City may by order require said board to correct such errors or show cause why such corrections should not be made; and in the event of the failure of said board to make such corrections, or show cause as aforesaid, said court may compel said board by writ of mandamus to correct such errors, and if said board of canvassers shall have made its determination and dissolved, said court may compel it to convene for the purpose of making such corrections. For the purpose of making such corrections as the court shall order, the meeting of the board of canvassers shall be deemed a continuation of its regular session, and the statements and certificates shall be made and filed as the court shall direct, and so far as the same shall vary from the original statements and certificates, the statements and certificates made under the order of court shall stand in lieu thereof, and shall in all cases have the same effect as if corrected statements had been a part of the original statement required by law.*

(b) Procedure. The practice in such cases shall be as in mandamus proceedings, and the court shall determine the time for 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.

VERIFICATION OF VOTES CAST ON VOTING MACHINES

140. Verification of Voting Machines. *(a) Examination of machines. Within ten days after each general or primary election, the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and of each county using voting machines, shall make a record of the number of the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is provided, of each voting machine used in each election precinct or district in each said general or primary election. They shall open the counter compartment of each such machine and without unlocking such machine against voting, shall verify and recanvass the votes cast thereon. Before making such verification and recanvass, the Supervisors of*