

(b) 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.

17-8. Release of voting machines.

Every voting machine used in any election shall remain locked and sealed after said ten-day period for as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of any contest over the result of the election; except that it may be opened and the data and figures therein examined in the presence of the officer having the custody of such machine upon the order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or by direction of any legislative committee to investigate and report upon contested elections affected by the use of such machine. If within two days after the results of the canvass are declared official, the board shall receive notice in writing of any contest over the result of said election, then such board, within five days from the receipt of such notice and in the presence of the principals involved in any such contest or their authorized representatives, shall proceed to inspect and examine the voting machines containing the votes cast for such contested office, and shall make a record of the votes for such office upon said machines. Such record shall be received as evidence as fully as if proved by the oral testimony of the persons who shall sign the same, or by the production of said voting machines in court or before said board. After such inspection, examination, and recording of the results thereof, the said voting machines shall be released and made available for use in any succeeding election.

BOARD OF STATE CANVASSERS

18-1. Membership and duties.

(a) The Secretary of State, Comptroller, State Treasurer, Clerk of the Court of Appeals and Attorney General shall constitute the Board of State Canvassers, three of whom shall be a quorum.

(b) The Secretary of State shall convene the meeting of the Board of State Canvassers to be held at his office within thirty days after any State election, or any election at which a candidate for member of the Congress of the United States is to be elected. If a majority does not attend, those present shall adjourn until the next day, at which time they shall proceed, without further delay, to canvass the votes.

(c) The Board of State Canvassers, when thus formed, shall from the certified copies of the statements made by the boards of city and county canvassers, proceed to make a statement of the whole number of votes given at such election for the several candidates for the ~~State and federal offices named in said statements~~ FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICES NAMED IN SAID STATEMENTS WHOSE CANDIDACY WAS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE.