

or a register of wills, or a State's attorney, the trial judge or judges shall have no power to declare any such election to be void. The judge shall file his findings, or, in a case where a jury shall have been demanded, the finding or verdict of such jury as to whether or not the successful candidate, or his agent or agents acting for or on behalf of such candidate, engaged in prohibited practices, with the Secretary of State, together with the transcript of the evidence. The Secretary of State shall thereupon submit the same to the Governor of Maryland, when the election is for electors of President or Vice-President of the United States, or for Attorney General of the State; or when the election is for a Representative or Representatives in Congress, shall submit the same certified under the seal of the State, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; or when the election is for Senator of the United States, shall submit the same, certified under the seal of the State, to the President of the Senate of the United States; or when the election is for a member of the State Senate, shall submit the same to the President of the Senate of Maryland; or when the election is for Governor or Delegate to the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Maryland, or a judge, or a clerk of a court of law, or a register of wills, to the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland; or when the election is for a State's attorney, to the judges having criminal jurisdiction of the county and city wherein he shall be elected.

(e) *Findings and decision of court to be filed with Governor in certain cases.*—In case such petition relates to any other office than those above referred to, such case shall be heard by a judge or an uneven number of judges, who shall file immediately with the Governor his or their decision or the finding or verdict of the jury in cases where there has been a jury trial, as to whether or not the successful candidate, or his agent or agents acting for or in his behalf, engaged in any prohibited practice. Said trial judge or judges shall also file with the Governor his or their decision, and as to whether or not, upon the findings in such case, such election was void as hereinafter provided.

(f) *Void elections.*—In case the decision or finding filed with the Governor under the provisions of subsection (e) above shall be that any successful candidate so petitioned against in person, or in the person of his agent or agents acting for or in his behalf, engaged in prohibited practices, such election shall be void, except as hereinafter provided, and in case of such void election the Governor shall, within five days after the receipt of such decision, issue his proclamation declaring such election void, and the vacancy in the office to have been filled by said election shall be filled in the same manner as would be required by law in case said vacancy had arisen from the death of the successful candidate after his election.

(g) *Effect of violation upon candidate.*—If any candidate shall have been so found or decided to have engaged in any prohibited practice, he shall be ineligible to election or appointment to any public office or employment for the period of four years from the date of said election. A finding or decision that a successful candidate engaged in prohibited practices only in the person of his agent without the knowledge or consent of the candidate, and that no prohibited practice was committed without his sanction or connivance, then the election of such candidate shall not be void, nor shall the candidate be subject to any ineligibility therefor.