

Duties of Challengers and Watchers

“Such challenger and watcher shall have the right to remain in the polling-room from the time the polls are opened until they are closed, and after that time he shall be permitted to remain until the returns are completed.” Art. 33, Sec. 15-3 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

“Do not converse with voters, assist a voter in voting or do not operate a machine.”

15-4.

(a) A registered voter offering to vote at any election, before being permitted to vote, shall identify himself by signing a voting authority card and giving any change of address in the presence of the judges which shall be entered on the voting authority card *or on a change of address form* by the voter. The judge in charge of the precinct registration file shall compare the signature upon such card with the signature upon the registration card. If the same are not identical, the applicant shall not be permitted to vote unless the majority of judges are of the opinion that he is the same person whose name appears upon the registration card. If the entry “Cannot sign” appears upon the registration card, then the applicant shall state his age, which shall be compared with the age stated upon the registration card; or the applicant shall identify himself by such other means as are referred to upon the registration card. If, upon comparison of the signature or other identification, it is found that the applicant is entitled to vote, then the judge having charge of the registration file shall approve the voting authority card and write his initials thereon. The number of voting authority cards furnished to the judges shall exceed by ten per centum the number of registered voters in the precinct. Each voting authority card shall be numbered and dated, and they shall be handed to the applicants in numerical order, as such applicants shall appear and offer to vote.

16-16.

(b) (2) In the case of primary elections, separate sets of return sheets in **[triplicate]** *duplicate* may be prepared for each party, or the tabulations for each party may be entered on one set of return sheets, in **[triplicate]** *duplicate*, said choice of returns to be in the discretion of the board.

17-3.

(a) The board of canvassers, upon being duly organized, shall open all the original statements of votes cast, general returns, tally sheets delivered or transmitted to them, and shall canvass and add up the votes and make abstracts or statements thereof in the following manner, as the case may require: All votes for Governor shall be written out in words at length on one sheet; in like manner, all votes for other State officers shall be written out on another sheet; all votes **[or]** *for* presidential electors, on another sheet; all votes for judges of courts, on another sheet; all votes for Senators *to the General Assembly, on another sheet, all votes for* **[and]** Delegates to the General Assembly, on another sheet; and all votes for any other officer, on a separate and appropriate sheet; all votes for or against any proposition which may be submitted to a vote of the people, on another sheet.