

several candidates for the federal and State offices named in said statements whose candidacy was filed with the [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws*. The Board of State Canvassers shall thereupon determine and declare what persons have been, by the greatest number of votes, elected to such offices, and each of them; they shall make and subscribe on a proper statement a certificate of such determination, and shall deliver the same to the [Secretary of State] *said Administrative Board*.

(d) Dissents and protests.—If any of the canvassers shall dissent from the decision of the Board of State Canvassers, he shall state in writing, the reason for such dissent. If any of the acts or proceedings of the Board of State Canvassers shall appear to any one of the canvassers to be irregular and illegal, such canvasser shall protest the same, in writing, setting forth distinctly the grounds of his protest; the canvasser so dissenting or protesting shall deliver his dissent or protest, signed with his proper name, to the [Secretary of State, who] *said State Administrative Board*, which shall file the same in [his] *its* office. [He] *The said Administrative Board* shall also keep on file in [his] *its* office the copies of the statements made by the boards of city and county canvassers.

(e) Adjournments.—The Board of State Canvassers shall have power to adjourn, from day to day, during a period not exceeding five days.

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(a) Duties of [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws*.—The [Secretary of State] *State Administrative Board of Election Laws* shall record in [his] *its* office, in a book kept [by him] for that purpose, each certified statement and determination which shall be delivered to [him] *it* by the Board of State Canvassers, and every dissent or protest which shall have been delivered [to him] by a canvasser. [He] *The said Administrative Board* shall, without delay, transmit a copy under seal of [his] *its* office of such certified determination to each person thereby declared to be elected, and like copy to the Governor; and [he] shall cause a copy of such certified statement and determinations to be published in one newspaper in the City of Annapolis and one in the City of Baltimore.

(b) Governor to issue commissions.—In conformity with the statements and determinations made as aforesaid by the Board of State Canvassers, the Governor shall issue commissions to the different persons elected, as now provided by the Constitution and laws of this State.

(c) Certificates for United States Senators and members of House of Representatives.—In addition, the [Secretary of State] *said Administrative Board* shall likewise without delay transmit a copy under seal of [his] *its* office of such certified determination and statement as to the election of a United States Senator to represent the State of Maryland in the Senate of the United States to the Secretary and to the presiding officer respectively of the United States Senate, to inform that body of the result of the election for Senator; and such certificate shall be prima facie evidence of the right of the candidate certified as receiving the highest number of votes to be seated. A similar certificate shall be transmitted to the