(d) An appeal may be taken from any ruling of such court to the Court of SPECIAL Appeals [of Maryland]. Any such appeal shall be taken within five days from the date of the decision complained of and the appeal shall be heard and decided by the Court of SPECIAL Appeals as soon after the transmission of the record as practicable.

17-7.

(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 SPECIAL Appeals as soon after the transmission of the record as possible. The testimony taken in such cases shall be sent to the Court of SPECIAL Appeals as part of the record.

19-3.

Each judge of the circuit court and of the Superior Court of Baltimore City may adopt such modes of proceeding and adjudging costs in cases of contested elections as to him shall seem most satisfactory, but the rules of taking testimony in such cases shall be the same as those which regulate the taking of testimony in contested election cases cognizable by the House of Delegates. Either party shall have a right of appeal to the Court of SPECIAL Appeals, as in other cases, said appeal to be taken within five days from the date of the decision complained of. The appeal shall be heard and decided by the Court of SPECIAL Appeals as soon after transmission of the record as may be practicable, and the testimony taken in such cases shall be sent up to the Court of SPECIAL Appeals as part of the record.

27-10.

Contests concerning registration, voting or the validity of any ballot under this subtitle shall be decided by the board having jurisdiction of the matter. No registration shall be denied and no ballot rejected except by the unanimous vote of the entire board. Any candidate or absentee voter aggrieved by any decision or action of such board shall have the right of appeal to the circuit court for the county or to the Superior Court of Baltimore City, as the case may be, to review such decision or action, and jurisdiction to hear and determine such appeals is hereby conferred upon said courts. Such appeals shall be taken by way of petition filed with the appropriate court within five days from the date of the completion of the official canvass by any