

containing at least as many ballots as there are voters shown by the last preceding registration in said precinct clearly marked on the outside of its wrapper with the name of the precinct or polling place for which intended and the number of ballots enclosed. If the board fails or neglects to make the delivery by the time prescribed by this section, it shall be the duty of a judge designated beforehand by the board to take charge of the ballot box, immediately to send to the board therefor, and to obtain the same as soon as practicable in order that the election may be duly held. Any cost incurred in so doing shall be paid by the county commissioners, the county council or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City, as the case may be, as part of the election expenses.

(o) The [board] BOARD, upon receiving ballot boxes and the keys thereof, shall note the condition of the seal or stamp on each box, the number thereof, and make an entry of the facts touching the same, in a book to be kept by them, together with the name of the officer who delivered the box. They shall be put by the board in a secure place to which the public in no case shall have access. Said boxes and their contents shall be safely kept for the space of four months from the date of such delivery, at which time, unless previously notified to produce the same to be used in evidence in some contested election or judicial or legislative investigation then pending, the board shall destroy, or cause to be destroyed, said ballots, and all of the said tallies and statements of returns; and the board shall record in the same book a certificate of the fact of destruction.

(p) The board shall produce any such ballots in regard to which testimony may be proposed to be taken before a judge taking examinations in a contested election. The board shall furnish copies of the same only on the order of a judge thereof and then, in pursuance of the terms and conditions of said order and subject to its restrictions. The board shall retain such ballots in possession and custody until such ballots are required by the order of the court having jurisdiction in the [case,] CASE to be delivered to the court, or by order of the Senate or House of Delegates, or by order of the city council of Baltimore, in whichever the seat is contested.

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(a) Each candidate, political party or other body of voters having a candidate, candidates, [principal] PRINCIPLE, or proposition appearing on the ballot, shall have the right to designate a registered voter as a challenger and watcher at each place of registration and election. Said persons shall be assigned to such position near the judges, inside the registration or polling room, as to enable them to see each person as he offers to register or vote. They shall be protected in the discharge of their duty by the judges and the police.

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