

[(i)] ~~(J)~~ (K) If any board receives from the same person prior to the deadline for receipt of absentee ballots more than one absentee ballot, it shall count, certify and canvass only the absentee ballot contained in the ballot envelope on which the voter's oath was first executed, and if the oath on two or more of the ballot envelopes containing absentee ballots are dated the same or if both are undated, none of the ballots received from such person shall be counted.

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(A) Contests concerning registration, voting or the validity of any ballot under this subtitle shall be decided by the board having jurisdiction of the matter.

(B) No registration shall be denied and no ballot rejected except by the unanimous vote of the entire board.

(C) 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 to review such decision or action, and jurisdiction to hear and determine such appeals is hereby conferred upon said courts.

(D) 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 board of all the votes cast at any election and shall be heard de novo and without a jury by said Court as soon as possible.

(E) There shall be a further right of appeal to the Court of Special Appeals, provided such appeal shall be taken within [forty-eight] 48 hours from the entry of the decision of the lower court complained of, and all such appeals shall be heard and decided on the original papers, including a typewritten transcript of the testimony taken in such cases, by the Court of Special Appeals, as soon as possible after the same have been transmitted to [said] THAT Court.

(F) [Said] THE original papers, including the testimony shall be transmitted to the Court of Special Appeals within [five (5)] 5 days from the taking of the appeal.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

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