

cause, or otherwise defend as the court may deem just and reasonable.

(c) Such petition shall be tried without a jury, unless any of the parties thereto shall elect to have the same tried by a jury. The case shall be tried not later than fifteen days after such petition has been filed if possible, and shall be given priority over other court business, and when a jury trial is demanded by any of the parties to such petition, the jury for said term shall try it; and if the jury for said term shall have been dismissed, the court shall recall said jury for the purpose of trying said case. In every case in which a jury trial shall be demanded, the judge shall frame and submit to the jury for its decision and verdict all appropriate and necessary issues of fact presented by the pleadings in such case. The court shall bring said cause to determination and judgment as speedily as a just regard for the rights of the parties concerned may permit and shall expeditiously inquire into, or, when a jury is demanded, cause the jury to inquire into all the facts and circumstances and into such violations of or failure to comply with the provisions of this article, as may be alleged in any such petition.

(d) In case such petition relates to the election of electors of President and Vice-President of the United States, a Senator of the United States, a Representative in Congress, or the Governor and Lieutenant Governor or Attorney General, or a Senator or Delegate to the General Assembly of Maryland, or a judge, or a clerk of a court of law, or a register of wills, or a State's attorney, the trial judge or judges shall have no power to declare any such election to be void. The judge shall file his findings, or, in a case where a jury shall have been demanded, the finding or verdict of such jury as to whether or not the successful candidate, or his agent or agents acting for or on behalf of such candidate, engaged in prohibited practices, with the State Administrative Board of Election Laws together with the transcript of the evidence. The State Administrative Board of Election Laws shall thereupon submit the same to the Governor of Maryland, when the election is for electors of President or Vice-President of the United States, or for Attorney General of the State; or when the election is for a Representative or Representatives in Congress, shall submit the same certified under the seal of the State, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives; or when the election is for Senator of the United States, shall submit the same, certified under the seal of the State, to the President of the Senate of the United States; or when the election is for a member of the State Senate, shall submit the same to the President of the Senate of Maryland; or when the election is for Governor and Lieutenant Governor or Delegate to the House of Delegates of the General Assembly of Maryland, or a judge, or a clerk of a court of law, or a register of wills, to the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland; or when the election is for a State's attorney, to the judges having criminal jurisdiction of the county and city wherein he shall be elected.