

(2) A SINGLE PETITION WITH THE STATE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD OF ELECTION LAWS TO CONTEST THE ELECTION IN THE ENTIRE AREA THAT THE OFFICE REPRESENTS.

(C) IN A CONTEST FILED PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE BOARD SHALL COORDINATE THE REVIEW, RECOUNT, AND RECANVASS BY THE LOCAL BOARDS.

13-2.

(A) The petition shall be filed with a bond and an affidavit or affidavits, made by officers of election or by watchers, challengers or other persons, setting forth acts of fraud, mistake, error or irregularity in making the count or returns by the judges, or setting forth that some of the returns and tally sheets of the primary election show on their faces ambiguity, error, fraud, or mistake or miscalculation by the judges.

(B) (1) A judge of the circuit court of the county shall determine and set bond to be filed by the petitioner sufficient to pay the reasonable costs of said appeal, recount, review and recanvass.

(2) IN A CONTEST FILED PURSUANT TO § 13-1(B)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY SHALL DETERMINE AND SET THE BOND.

13-3.

The boards shall have jurisdiction and power to hear and determine any appeals, to review and correct the action of the judges in their respective jurisdictions and to recanvass, recount and certify the result of any primary, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL election. For all the purposes of the review, recount and recanvass, the board shall act as and be judges for the counting of ballots, within their respective geographical jurisdictions.

13-7.

(a) Whenever any review, recount and recanvass is completed, the board shall correct the returns and certificates which may have been made of the primary, GENERAL, OR SPECIAL election by any canvassing board.

(b) When a petition and affidavit or affidavits and bond for recounting are filed before the completion of any canvass by the canvassing board of any county or municipality thereof, such board shall complete its canvass of the original returns from each polling place but shall then recess until the recount and recanvass herein provided for is completed. Thereupon the board shall make its certificate conform to the action and finding and to the certificate given by the board sitting as judges on the recount or counterappeal.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

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