

be used as evidence in cases of contest among any of the candidates at such election.

"Any judge of election who shall fail to return the ballots sealed as herein provided shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished upon conviction, by fine, not exceeding \$100, or by imprisonment in jail for not more than six months, or both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

"179. That the party convention of the political party holding said primary elections shall have full power to hear and determine all questions of contest between any candidates voted for at such election, and to prescribe the rules to govern all such contests, and may demand and receive for such purpose from the said committee or committees, the poll books, certificates and ballots returned to it by the judge of election; and for such purpose shall have power to summon witnesses and examine them under oath, to be administered by the acting chairman of such convention. But if a candidate or candidates are chosen under the provision of this Article by direct vote, the said committee or committees of the party shall have full power to determine any contest and for that purpose shall be clothed with the same authority as that given to the party convention.

"180. That it shall be the duty of the return judges of said election, immediately after each election at which he has acted as such, to appear before the grand jury of the Criminal Court of Baltimore, if held in Baltimore city, or before the grand jury of the county where held, to be examined touching any and all violations of this Article of which he may have knowledge or information to have been committed at such election, or to furnish to said grand jury before their adjournment, his or their certificate, signed by him and under oath made and certified before a Justice of the Peace of said city or county, that he did not know and had no reason to believe that any such offense had been committed at such election, which certificate shall be returned by the grand jury to the Criminal Court of Baltimore city and the Circuit Court of the county, and preserved and recorded by the clerk thereof.