

such ballot envelopes unopened, unmarked and unchanged in any way in packages sealed by him to the respective Supervisors of Elections from whom the return envelopes shall appear to have been sent to the absent voter whose name appears upon the ballot envelope. All envelopes received by the Secretary of State more than seven days after the date of any election shall be preserved by him for 60 days, and then destroyed unless ordered to be longer kept by some court having competent jurisdiction.

An. Code, sec. 226. 1918, ch. 78, sec. 226.

232. On the tenth day after each election not counting the date of said election, the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and of the several counties shall meet at the hour of 12 o'clock noon at the usual place for holding the Circuit Court for the county or in Baltimore City at the usual place for holding the Superior Court, and shall there count, certify and canvass the ballots contained in the ballot envelopes received by them up to such time from the Secretary of State as hereinbefore provided, and for the purposes of said count, certification and canvass said Supervisors of Elections shall act as and be judges of election for counting said ballots. If said supervisors or a majority of them are satisfied that the provisions for filling out and signing the certificates on the outside of the ballot envelope have been substantially complied with, and that the person signing the voter's certificate is a duly qualified voter and entitled to vote under this sub-title in any precinct or election district of their respective county or city and has not already voted there in person on election day, they shall open the ballot envelope and remove the ballot therefrom and place it in a ballot box or ballot boxes prepared for that purpose. When any ballot envelope is opened the Supervisors of Elections shall enter in the appropriate register the fact that the voter whose name appears thereon has voted, and such entry shall be the initials "V. M." to indicate that the vote has been by mail. If there be more than one ballot in the ballot envelope all shall be rejected. At primary elections the ballot shall not be counted unless it is a ballot of the political party with which the voter is affiliated. Ballots printed "Mail Ballots" may be marked by any kind of pencil or ink.

An. Code, sec. 227. 1918, ch. 78, sec. 227.

233. When all the ballots have been voted as aforesaid the Supervisors of Elections shall proceed to canvass and count the same in accordance with the provisions relating to the canvass and count of votes in such city or county by judges and clerks of elections. The Supervisors of Elections shall appoint such clerks as may be necessary to keep the tallies for each precinct or district in which ballots are counted and canvassed by them, and the tallies and the returns shall all be transmitted to the Board of Canvassers as hereinafter provided. The Supervisors of Elections upon completing the count shall make the statements or returns of the result as required to be made by judges of elections for every precinct or election district in which mail ballots have been counted, and at the end of such