

law, before twelve o'clock, noon, the ballots cast and the ballots rejected at such election, in separate sealed packages, and the poll-books and certificates aforesaid, to the presiding officer of the managing convention of the political association or party under whose authority the election was called, who shall immediately thereupon publicly announce the result; such packages shall be destroyed after the expiration of thirty days, by said presiding officer, without breaking the seal, unless they are, before that time, demanded by the executive committee of such managing convention, to be used as evidence in cases of contest among any of the candidates at such election.

1886, ch. 502.

**291.** The executive committee of any such managing convention, 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 presiding officer of such convention, the poll-books, certificates and ballots returned to him by the judges 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 committee.

*Ibid.*

**292.** 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, to be examined touching any and all violations of the provisions of this sub-title of this article, of which he may have personal knowledge, 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, that he did not know and had no reason to believe that any such offences had been committed at such election, which certificate shall be returned by the grand jury to the said court, and preserved and recorded by the clerk thereof.