

and not less than thirty days before the election, certify the same to the supervisors of elections in the counties and the city of Baltimore, and thereupon the said supervisors shall include the same in the publication provided for in section 48 of this article. If questions of local concern are to be submitted for approval to the vote of the people of a county or a municipality the same shall be certified to said supervisors of elections within said period by the county commissioners or the register of the city of Baltimore, as the case may be, and shall be advertised as herein provided in the case of nominees for county or city offices.

Board of Supervisors v. Todd, 97 Md. 261.

### **Ballots and Ballot-Boxes.**

1896, ch. 202, sec. 48.

**52.** All ballots cast in elections for public officers within this State shall be printed and distributed as hereinafter provided. The printing of ballots and cards of instruction for the voters in each county and the city of Baltimore, and the delivery of the same to the judges of election as provided in this article shall be at public expense, the payment of which shall be provided for by the several counties and the city of Baltimore, respectively. All ballot-boxes shall be constructed as follows: Each box shall be one foot outside measure, as near as may be, in width and length, and eighteen inches in depth, strapped and secured on each edge and corner with brass mouldings, securely brazed or soldered together at the junctions thereof, so as to prevent it from being easily broken; it shall have a strong wooden lid, which shall be fastened to the box with brass or iron hinges, not accessible from the outside, and shall have a good Yale lock, there shall be a slit in the lid just large enough to admit a single folded ballot at one time, and the sides and bottom of the box shall be of clear plate glass not less than one-eighth of an inch in thickness. Each such box, when not in actual use at a polling place, shall be kept in a wooden case for the protection of the same and its contents in the transportation and storage thereof.

Ibid. sec. 49. 1901, ch. 2.

**53.** It shall be the duty of the board of supervisors of elections of each county and of the city of Baltimore to provide ballots for every election for public officers held under this article in which any voters within the county or said city shall participate, and cause to be printed on the ballot the name of