

urer and Councilman from that particular ward, with a blank space for writing in a name following the names of the candidates for each office, and with a square opposite each name and opposite said blank for the X mark of the voter.

At least 48 hours before the time for election, sample copies of the ballots for each ward shall be posted in a public place in each of the respective wards.

Suitable ballot boxes, polling places, printed ballots, tally sheets, etc., shall be provided by the Mayor and Town Council.

The Mayor and Town Council shall cause the registration book or books to be delivered to the Judges of Election prior to the opening of the polls, and only those persons who are duly registered shall be permitted to vote.

SEC. 13. Immediately upon the closing of the polls after each election, the ballot boxes shall be opened, and the ballots shall be publicly counted, and the Judges of Election shall within two days thereafter make a true and correct return of the results of said election. The returns shall be made to the Mayor and Town Council in a sealed envelope and within 4 days thereafter the Mayor and Town Council shall meet and canvass said return and publicly declare the results thereof, and declare who has been duly elected to the respective offices.

Immediately after the counting of the ballots the Judges of Election shall put back in the ballot boxes used at said election, the ballots taken therefrom, and shall seal said ballot boxes by pasting a strip of paper over the slit, upon which paper the Judges and Clerks of Election shall sign their names so that the boxes may not be opened without destroying said seal. The ballot boxes containing the ballots shall be kept by the Judges of Election for thirty days from the date of said election, unless there is a re-count, in which case they shall be kept until said re-counting is finally concluded. After the thirty days has elapsed, or the re-count has been concluded, the Judges of Election shall open said ballot boxes and destroy said ballots.

Any defeated candidate at such election may contest the same and the Circuit Court for Prince George's County shall have jurisdiction to determine such contest. No such contest shall, however, be considered unless a petition is filed in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County within seven days, exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays, after the decision of the Mayor and Town Council on said election shall be made.

In case any proposition other than the election of officials is submitted to a referendum, any legally qualified voter who has voted at such election shall have a similar right of contesting the result of such election.

In case of the failure of an election by reason of a tie vote, the Mayor and Town Council shall order and provide for a run