§ 16-116. Proceedings; provisions in relation thereto. A special proceeding under the foregoing provisions of this article shall be heard upon a verified petition and such oral or written proof as may be offered, and upon such notice to such officers, persons or committees as the court or justice shall direct, and shall be summarily determined. The proceeding shall have preference over all other causes in all courts. The petition in any such proceeding instituted by the state or other board of elections shall be verified by the persons specified in accordance with rules promulgated by the state board of elections. In the city of New York, a proceeding relating to a run-off primary brought pursuant to this article shall have first preference over all other proceedings.