

the Book of Registration of qualified Voters at Elections, and whose dwelling house shall be situate at a distance of more than fifteen miles from the nearest place of Election within the District for which his vote is valid and may be tendered, may, without attending the Poll in person, give his vote by a written notice made and subscribed in the form which is set forth in the Schedule hereunto subjoined, and which notice shall be delivered to the Returning Officer or his Deputy at such polling place as the said Elector would be required to repair to if he gave his vote by personal attendance; but such Elector shall not, under the said privilege of voting by such notice as aforesaid, be exempt thereby from lawful exceptions being taken to the validity of his vote in the same manner as such exceptions might be taken if such Elector appeared and voted in person.

That on the day appointed to take the Polls at all the Polling Stations, the Booths or places of Poll shall be opened at Seven o'clock in the morning, and the Returning Officer or his Deputy shall then make Proclamation thereof; and at the hour of eight o'clock the said officers respectively shall commence taking the Polls, keeping them open for the space of Eight hours, and no longer, and finally closing at Four o'clock of the same day, unless before that hour the Elections be duly determined, or the Polling cease by consent of all the Candidates.

That the said officers respectively shall, at the close of the Poll at their respective stations, publicly proclaim the number of votes polled for each Candidate, and the said Officers and Poll Clerks respectively shall certify and sign the Poll Books and then enclose and seal them in presence of the Electors. That the Deputy Returning Officers shall then forthwith deliver or safely transmit the Poll Books so sealed to the Returning Officer, who shall on the day next ensuing the polling day, such day not being Sunday, but being Sunday, then on the Monday next ensuing, at the hour of Ten o'clock of the forenoon of the same day, at the principal polling station at which the Returning Officer himself shall preside, appoint a convenient time, and without unnecessary delay, when he shall, in presence of the Candidates and Electors, or such of them as choose to attend, publicly break open the seals of the Poll Books, and sum up the whole of the Polls, and declare the true number of votes given for each Candidate, and proclaim the name or names of the Candidates who shall have been duly elected.

That the Returning Officers and their Deputies respectively are hereby authorized and empowered to administer all such Oaths as are prescribed by law to be taken by the Electors and Witnesses in Election of Members of the General Assembly.

That the Returning Officers respectively shall, immediately after the due execution of the Writs, transmit the Poll Books, together with all affidavits, certificates and other documents incident to such Elections as