

Election Regulation Act.

the Returning Officer, [or of A. B., who has acted as Deputy Returning Officer therein] has been so kept by me, under his direction as aforesaid, correctly, and to the best of my skill and judgment; and that the total number of Voters polled in such Poll Book is the number of _____, whereof C. D., a Candidate, has polled _____ votes, E. F., a Candidate, has polled _____ votes, (and so on as the case may be); and that to the best of my knowledge and belief it contains a true and exact record of the votes given as the said votes were taken at the said Poll by the said Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer.

"Signature, J. J.,

"Poll Clerk.

"Sworn [or affirmed?] and subscribed before me at _____ this day of the month of _____ in the year _____

"Signature, X. Y.,

"Justice of the Peace,

"or, T. V.,

"Returning Officer,

"or, A. B.,

"Deputy Returning Officer."

To be annexed to Poll Book.

Deputy Returning Officer to make declaration.

Form.

Which oath shall thereafter be annexed to the said Poll Book.

72. Each Deputy Returning Officer shall, before returning the Poll Book to the Returning Officer, make and subscribe a Declaration, in the presence of at least two Electors, which Declaration shall be in the following form:—

"I, the undersigned, Deputy Returning Officer [or one of the Deputy Returning Officers, as the case may be] for _____ of _____ do hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief the Poll Book [or Poll Books] kept at this polling place under my direction, hath been so kept correctly, and that the total number of votes polled in such Poll Book [or Poll Books] is the number of _____, whereof C. D., a Candidate, has polled _____ votes, E. F., a Candidate, has polled _____ votes [and so on as the case may be], and that to the best of my knowledge and belief it contains [or they contain] a true and correct record of the votes given at this polling place, as the said votes were taken.

"Signature, A. B.,

"Deputy Returning Officer.

"Declared at _____, the _____ day of the month of _____, in the year _____.

"Witnesses:

"O. P.,

"Q. R."

"Signature, S. M.,

"Deputy Returning Officer.

To be annexed to Poll Book.

And such Declaration shall thereafter be annexed to the said Poll Book, and the Deputy Returning Officer shall then immediately return the Poll Book to the Returning Officer.

Penalties for neglect, &c.

73. Any Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk who refuses or neglects to perform such obligations or formalities as lastly hereinbefore mentioned, shall for each such refusal or neglect incur the penalty hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, any Deputy Returning Officer a penalty of One Hundred Dollars, and any Poll Clerk a penalty of Fifty Dollars.

Poll Book to be delivered by Deputy in person to Returning Officer in person unless in case of sickness, &c.

Penalty for neglect.

74. The Deputy Returning Officer shall deliver the said Poll Book, personally, to the Returning Officer, and if he is unable to do so by sickness, or otherwise, he shall deliver such Poll Book, under a sealed cover, to a person chosen by him, and shall mention on the outside of such cover, the name of the person to whom it has been delivered under a sealed cover, to be so transmitted, and shall take a proper receipt therefor; and any Deputy Returning Officer failing therein, and any person having taken charge of the Poll Book, and failing to deliver the same so covered and sealed in the same state in which he received it, in due time and manner, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall incur a penalty not exceeding Fifty Dollars, or be imprisoned for a term of not more than one year, or be punished by imprisonment and fine together.

Proceedings in case of riot, violence, &c.

75. Where the proceedings at any Election shall be interrupted or obstructed by any riot or open violence, whether such proceedings shall consist of the nomination of Candidates or of the taking the poll, the Presiding, Returning, or Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk shall not for such cause terminate the business of such nomination, or finally close the poll, but shall adjourn the nomination or the taking the poll at the particular polling place at which such interruption or obstruction shall have happened to the following day; and if necessary shall further adjourn such nomination or poll, as the case may be, until such interruption or obstruction shall have ceased, when the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer shall again proceed with the business of the