

RETURNING OFFICERS.

94. The Council of every Municipality in which the election is to be by Wards or Electoral Divisions, shall, from time to time, by By-law, appoint Returning Officers to hold the next ensuing elections. Returning Officers for elections by wards.

WHEN CLERKS TO BE EX-OFFICIO RETURNING OFFICERS.

95. In the case of a Municipality in which the election is not to be by Wards or Electoral Divisions, the Clerk shall be the Returning Officer at all elections after the first. When Clerk to be ex officio Returning Officer.

RETURNING OFFICERS FOR THE FIRST ELECTION IN VILLAGES.

96. In every By-Law establishing a Police or Incorporated Village, a Returning Officer shall be appointed who is to hold the first election for such Village: For first election in Villages.

2. In Police Villages, after the first election, the Trustees thereof, or any two of them, shall, from time to time, by writing under their hands, appoint the Returning Officer. After first election, Police Trustees to appoint.

IF THE RETURNING OFFICER BE ABSENT.

97. In case, at the time appointed for holding an election, the person appointed to be Returning Officer has died, or does not attend to hold the election within an hour after the time appointed, or in case no Returning Officer has been appointed, the electors present at the place for holding the election may choose from amongst themselves a Returning Officer, and such Returning Officer shall have all the powers, and shall forthwith proceed to hold the election and perform all the other duties of a Returning Officer. The absence of the Returning Officer provided for.

THE RETURNING OFFICER TO BE A CONSERVATOR OF THE PEACE.

98. The Returning Officer shall, during the election, act as a Conservator of the Peace for the City or County in which the election is held; and he, or any Justice of the Peace having jurisdiction in the Municipality in which the election is held, may cause to be arrested, and may summarily try and punish by fine or imprisonment, or both, or may imprison or bind over to keep the peace, or for trial, any riotous or disorderly person who assaults, beats, molests or threatens any voter coming to, remaining at, or going from the election; and, when thereto required, all constables and persons present at the election, shall assist the Returning Officer or Justice of the Peace, on pain of being guilty of a misdemeanor. Returning Officers to be conservators of the peace; their powers.