

Adjournment if ballot boxes not returned.

60. If the ballot boxes are not all returned on the day fixed for adding up the number of votes given, the returning officer shall adjourn the proceedings to a subsequent day which shall not be more than a week later than the day originally fixed, for the purpose of adding up the votes. R.S., c. 106, s. 54.

Statements and certificates used for summing up votes.

61. If the ballot boxes, or any of them, have been destroyed or lost, or for any other reason are not forthcoming, on or before such subsequent day, the returning officer shall ascertain the cause of the disappearance of such ballot boxes, and shall call on each of the deputy returning officers whose ballot boxes are missing, or on any other person having the same, for the lists, statements and certificates, or copies of the lists, statements and certificates, of the number of votes given in each interest, required by this Act, the whole of which shall be verified on oath administered by the returning officer.

When not obtainable other evidence used.

2. If such lists or statements, or any of them, or copies thereof, cannot be obtained, the returning officer shall ascertain by such evidence as he is able to obtain, the total number of votes given in each interest at the several polling places, and he shall make his return accordingly, and shall mention specially in his report to be sent with the return, the circumstances accompanying the disappearance of the ballot boxes, and the mode by which he ascertained the number of votes given in each interest. R.S., c. 106, s. 55.

Petition not adopted.

62. If one-half or more of all the votes polled are against the petition, the same shall be deemed not to have been adopted; and the returning officer shall make his return to the Governor in Council accordingly. R.S., c. 106, s. 56.

Petition adopted.

63. If more than half of all the votes polled are for the petition, the same shall be deemed to have been adopted; and the returning officer shall make his return to the Governor in Council accordingly. R.S., c. 106, s. 57.

Return.

64. Within two weeks after the summing up of the votes, if no judge has appointed a day or place within the county or city for entering into a scrutiny of the ballot papers, as hereinafter provided, and in case of a scrutiny being entered into, then forthwith after the judge has determined whether the majority of the votes given was or was not in favour of the petition, the returning officer shall transmit his return to the Secretary of State, and shall send with it a report of his proceedings, in which he shall make any observations he thinks proper as to the state of the ballot boxes or ballot papers as received by him.

After scrutiny.

2. In the event of a judge having determined, after a scrutiny of the ballot papers, that the majority of the votes given was or was not in favour of the petition, such return shall be