

or such Deputy-Returning Officer, the Oath number Four, in the said Schedule, of the taking of which Oath there shall be delivered to him, by the Functionary before whom it has been taken, a Certificate under his hand, in the form J in the said Schedule :

2. Any person so appointed a Poll Clerk who refuses to accept the said office, or who, after having accepted the same, refuses or neglects either to take and subscribe the Oath hereby required of him, or to perform the duties of a Poll Clerk, shall for such neglect or refusal, incur a penalty of forty dollars. 12 V. c. 27, s. 18. Penalty for refusing to act, &c.

50. Each Poll Clerk shall, at the Polling place for which he is appointed, aid and assist, in the performance of the duties of his office, the Deputy-Returning Officer appointed to open and keep the Poll at such place in conformity to this Act, and shall obey the orders of the said Deputy-Returning Officer : Duty of the Poll Clerk.

2. If the Deputy-Returning Officer refuses or neglects to perform the duties of his office, or becomes unable to perform them, either by death, illness, absence or otherwise, and if in any such case no other Deputy-Returning Officer duly appointed by the Returning Officer in the place of the former, appears at the Polling place, then such Poll Clerk shall, (under the same penalties as are hereinbefore imposed in like cases on a Deputy-Returning Officer), act at such Poll as Deputy-Returning Officer, and perform all the duties and obligations of that office, in the same manner as if he had been appointed Deputy-Returning Officer by the Returning Officer, and without being bound to take any new oath for that purpose ; To perform the duty of Deputy-Returning Officer in certain cases.

3. Whenever any Poll Clerk, in the case hereinbefore provided, acts as Deputy-Returning Officer, he may appoint by a Commission under his hand, in the form H of the said Schedule, another person as Poll Clerk, to aid and assist him as aforesaid in the performance of the duties of his office, and may administer to such person the oath required of a Poll Clerk by this Act ; and the Poll Clerk so appointed shall have the same duties and obligations as if he had been appointed Poll Clerk by the Deputy-Returning Officer himself ; In such case he may appoint another Poll Clerk.

4. And also, whenever any Poll Clerk appointed under the requirements of this Act refuses or neglects to perform his duty as such, or becomes unable to perform it, either by death, illness, absence or other cause, the Deputy-Returning Officer, whose Poll Clerk he was, may appoint by a Commission under his hand in the form H of the said Schedule, another person as Clerk at the said Polling place, to aid and assist him as aforesaid in the duties of his office, and may administer to him the oath required of a Poll Clerk by this Act. 12 V. c. 27, s. 21. Deputy-Returning Officer may appoint another Poll Clerk in certain cases.