

*Election Regulation Act.*

thereof (before entering any name or vote in the next succeeding page) the first and last name, and the total number of names entered thereon, and shall then sign the same, which certificate shall be to the effect following:

"I certify that the total number of names entered on this page as of Voters is                      whereof the first name is C. D., and the last name "is E. F.,"

"Signed, A. B.,

"Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer."

How votes to be recorded.

57. Each Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer shall, at the polling place kept by him in conformity to this Act, record or cause to be recorded in such Poll Book as aforesaid, and in the order in which they shall be given, the votes of the Electors voting at such polling place, by entering therein the name, surname, profession, trade, or calling, and residence of each Elector so voting; and when any Elector has taken the oath required of him by this Act, the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer shall state in the Poll Book that such oath was taken by the Elector, by entering after the name of such Elector in the proper column in the said Poll Book, the word "sworn" and nothing more.

As to Electors sworn.

Votes objected to, how to be distinguished in Poll Book.

58. In every case where the vote of any person is objected to by any Candidate or his Agent, the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer shall enter the objection in his Poll Book, by writing after the name of the Voter in the column for objections, the words "objected to" only, mentioning at the same time by which Candidate, or on behalf of what Candidate, the objection has been made by adding after the words "objected to," the name only of such Candidate.

Persons on the Register of Voters to be allowed to vote on taking a certain oath, if required.

59. The Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer at any Election of a Member of the Legislature in any part of this Colony, shall receive the vote of any person whose name he finds in the Register of Voters furnished to him or in his possession as aforesaid; provided that such person shall, if required by any Candidate, or the Agent of any Candidate, or by the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer himself, take the following Oath or Affirmation, which such Deputy Returning Officer is hereby empowered to administer:—

Form of Oath.

"You swear (or solemnly affirm) that you are [*name of the Voter as entered on the Register*] whose name is entered on the copy Register of Voters now shewn to you (showing the copy Register to the Voter); that you have not before voted at this Election within this District, either at this or any other polling place, and that you have not received anything, nor has anything been promised to you, either directly or indirectly, in order to induce you vote at this Election. "So help you God."

And no other oath or affirmation shall be required of any person whose name is entered on any Register of Voters as aforesaid.

Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer must swear Voters in certain cases.

60. When any Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer has reason to know or believe that frauds and violence are being practised, in violation of the rights of Electors by which undue votes are tendered, or that any Voter is not qualified, or has already voted at the said Election and offers to vote again, or tenders his vote under a false name or designation, or personates, or represents himself falsely as being on the Register of Voters, such Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer shall administer the oath lastly hereinbefore mentioned to such Voter, whether he be required to do so or not by any party, of which mention shall be made in the Poll Book.

Penalty for voting without taking oath when required.

61. If any Voter votes at any such Election without having previously taken such oath or made such affirmation, when he has been thereunto required by one of the Candidates or his Agent, such Voter shall incur a penalty of Fifty Dollars.

Refusal of Voter to take the required oath to be entered on Poll Book.

62. When any such Voter has been so required by the Returning Officer or the Deputy Returning Officer, or by any of the Candidates or by the Agent of any Candidate, to take such oath or make such affirmation, and refuses to take or make the same, his refusal shall be stated by the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer in his Poll Book, by entering after the name of such Voter the word "refused," and in every such case the vote shall not be taken or recorded in the said Poll Book; and if any vote is in any such case taken and recorded, it shall be *ipso facto* null and void, and the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer shall for having taken and recorded the same, or for having caused it to be taken and recorded in his said Poll Book, incur a penalty of Fifty Dollars.

Vote not to be taken; if taken to be null, and Officer to incur a penalty.

Interpreter may be employed and sworn when Voter does not understand English.

63. Whenever any Elector does not understand the English language, the Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer may make use of an Interpreter to translate the oath or affirmation required of such Elector; and such Interpreter shall take before the said Returning Officer or Deputy Returning Officer the