

such list and return the same to the deputy-returning officer at the close of the poll.

(17.) The deputy-returning officer when any ballot paper or papers are required shall pronounce in an audible voice the name of the person requiring a ballot or ballots and if the name of such person is found upon the voters list of the said ward used at such election, the said returning officer, if the said voter is not required to take the oath or to state his residence or occupation, or if required to take the oath or make such statement, duly takes or states the same, as required, shall deliver a ballot or ballots for the office or mayor and alderman or either as the case may be, as provided for in the next subsection.

(18.) A voter who has inadvertently dealt with the ballot paper or papers given him, in such manner that either or both cannot be conveniently used, may, on delivering the same to the deputy-returning officer, obtain another or others in the place of that so delivered up.

(19.) Immediately after the close of the poll, the deputy-returning officer shall, in the presence of the clerk and the candidates or their agents, and if the candidates and their agents are absent, then in the presence of at least three electors, open the ballot box and proceed to count the number of votes given for each candidate. In doing so he shall reject all ballot papers which are not similar to those supplied by the deputy-returning officer, all those by which the votes have been given for more candidates than are to be elected; and finally all those upon which there is any writing or mark by which the voter could be identified.

The other ballot papers being counted and a list kept of the number of votes given to each candidate, and of the number of rejected ballot papers, all the ballot papers indicating the votes given for each candidate respectively shall be put into separate envelopes or parcels, and those rejected shall also be put into a different envelope or parcel, and all these parcels, being endorsed so as to indicate their contents, shall be put back into the ballot box.

(20.) The deputy-returning officer shall take a note of any objection made by any candidate, his agent or any elector pre-