

TITLE VII.

Vote by Ballot.

LXXII. Each Deputy Returning Officer shall be provided with a ballot box of wood or tin closing with a lock, the said box to be inches in length by inches in breadth and inches in depth and having an opening in the lid sufficient to admit of the passing through of the tickets. Each Returning Officer to have a ballot box.

LXXIII. This box or these boxes, if more than one are required, shall be furnished and renewed by the Municipal Council in each Municipality. To be furnished by the municipality.

LXXIV. Upon the lid shall engraved or inscribed the words "Ballot box for the Municipality of (or as the case may be, of the division or ward of the city or town of) Electoral College of" Inscription on the cover.

LXXV. Every elector on offering to vote shall present his certificate to the Deputy Returning Officer, who after having required from him the oath of identity and having compared the certificate with the electoral list as elsewhere provided, shall deposit the said certificate in the ballot box; The voting ticket shall consist of his electoral certificate, on the back of which the elector shall have inscribed or caused to be inscribed the name or names of the candidate or candidates, as the case may be, for whom he desires to vote. Such voter shall present his certificate.
Voting tickets.

LXXVI. Immediately after any elector shall have voted, the Deputy Returning Officer shall insert the word *voted* opposite to the name of such elector on the electoral list. Elector voting to be noted on the list.

LXXVII. In each electoral municipality, division or ward, the polling shall continue days and no longer, exclusive of Sundays and holidays; It shall begin each day at nine o'clock in the forenoon and shall terminate at five o'clock in the afternoon. Duration of the polling.

LXXVII. While the polling shall continue the Returning Officer shall keep the ballot box locked and shall not allow it to be out of his custody for any cause or reason whatever, and he shall not open it until after the close of the polling, as hereinafter mentioned. The ballot box to remain locked, &c.

LXXIX. If during the polling the ballot box be destroyed or injured by violence, or carried away by fraud or violence, the Deputy Returning Officer shall declare the poll closed and shall make a return in the form annexed to this Act. If the box is destroyed, stolen, etc.

LXXX. If after the close of the poll and before the Deputy Returning Officer shall have prepared the *procès-verbal* hereinafter mentioned, the ballot box be taken out of the custody of the Deputy Returning Officer, or if after the opening of the said box by the Deputy Returning Officer, as hereinafter provided, a number of voting tickets be found exceeding that of the electors inscribed on the poll book, the Deputy Returning Officer shall report of the fact to the Returning Officer. Special report to the Returning Officer in certain cases.