

mediately after the close of such balloting, shall be, by such Deputy Returning Officer, personally delivered to the Returning Officer, and the said Deputy Returning Officer shall then and there take and subscribe before the Returning Officer the oath in form number four, to this Act subjoined.

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Proper Polling places to be provided, &c.

XI. The Deputy Returning Officer shall provide some suitable apartments, where he shall attend on the days of polling and balloting with the said ballot box, and no person shall be admitted into the said room, or be permitted from outside to hear or witness what passes therein, save and except the Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer, Ballot Clerk, and the Voter, one only at a time, who claims to vote; the Returning Officer, his deputy, and the said clerk having, before the day of election, taken the oath of secrecy in the form number five to this Act subjoined.

Mode in which Votes shall be given.

XII. Any person, the bearer of the Returning Officer's certificate aforesaid, who shall be desirous of voting at any such election, shall be admitted into the said balloting room, and shall cause his name to be inscribed in a book to be kept by the Ballot Clerk for that purpose; and shall then and there exhibit to the Deputy Returning Officer such certificate, who shall then (being satisfied of the identity of the applicant by personal knowledge or oath of applicant) hand to the voter a card with the names of all the candidates printed thereon, and the signature of such Deputy Returning Officer endorsed thereon; and the said voter shall then strike out, or cause to be struck out by the Ballot Clerk, the names of such of the candidates as the said voter does not intend to vote for; and such card, together with his certificate, enclosed together in an envelope, the said voter shall deposit in the ballot box, in the presence of the Deputy Returning Officer.

Identity of Voter.

Voting Card of Candidates.

Examination of Ballot Boxes at the close of the Election.

XIII. So soon as the Returning Officer shall be in possession of all the ballot boxes, he shall notify the candidates of the time and place at which he will proceed to a scrutiny of the votes; at which scrutiny, the persons in possession of the keys of the ballot boxes shall attend, and the said ballot boxes shall be opened in presence of the candidates or their agents, if they see fit, and the tickets shall first be counted, and if there should be an excess of tickets over the number of voters on the book of the Ballot Clerk, the Returning Officer shall, if he discover any falsified certificate, reject the same; and the Deputy Returning Officer, if he shall discover any falsified ballot ticket, shall reject the same; and if neither the Returning Officer nor his deputy be able to detect such falsification, the number of voting tickets shall be reduced to the number of names recorded as voters by the Ballot Clerks, respectively, by rejecting alternately the requisite number of tickets, in such a way that the number shall be equally reduced as far as practicable for each candidate; and if, on any ticket, more names shall have been left than the voter is entitled to vote for, the Returning Officer shall strike out the excess, commencing in alphabetical order with the names of the candidates alternately; the votes, as exhibited by the voting tickets, shall then be counted, and the scrutiny and its result recorded in writing; and the candidate or candidates having the greater number of such votes shall be, on the day of Proclamation, declared elected: Provided that if there be the same number of votes given in favor of two or more candidates, the Returning Officer shall have a casting vote, and shall give and record the same.

Proviso: casting Vote of Returning Officer.