

- 64.** The deputy returning officer shall put into the ballot box the said statements and packets, and shall thereupon forthwith deliver the same personally to the returning officer; and if he be unable to do so, owing to illness or other cause, he shall deliver such packets to a person chosen by him for the purpose of delivering the same to the returning officer; and shall mention on the outside of the cover of each of the packets the name of the person to whom the same has been so delivered, and shall take a proper receipt therefor. (*New*).
- 65.** The packets shall be accompanied by a statement made by the deputy returning officer, showing the number of ballot papers entrusted to him, and accounting for them under the heads of (1) Counted; (2) Rejected; (3) Unused; (4) Spoiled; (5) Ballot papers given to voters, who afterwards returned the same, declining to vote; and (6) Ballot papers taken from the polling place; which statement shall give the numbers of papers under such head. (*New*).
- 66.** No returning officer or deputy returning officer shall grant, make or enter into any scrutiny of the votes given at any election. (*New*).
- 67.** The deputy returning officer who has kept and closed the poll shall, before returning the voters' list as aforesaid to the returning officer, make and subscribe, either before a justice of the peace for the county or district where he resides, or before the returning officer or the poll clerk, the oath, form Q in schedule A to this Act, which oath shall thereafter be annexed to the said voters' list. (*New*).
- 68.** Every poll clerk shall, after closing the poll at which he has acted as such, but before the deputy returning officer who has kept the same has returned the voters' list to the returning officer, as herein required, make and subscribe, either before a justice of the peace for the county or district in which he resides, or before the said deputy returning officer, or before the returning officer, the oath, form R in schedule A to this Act, which oath shall thereafter be annexed to the voters' list. (*New*).

Certain packets to be delivered to the returning officer.

Statement to be made by deputies on return of ballot papers, &c.

No scrutiny

Oath to be made by the Deputy returning officer before return of voters' list.

Oath to be made by poll clerk before return of voters' list.

SUMMING UP STATEMENTS.

- 69.** The returning officer at the place, day and hour appointed by his proclamation, and after having received all the ballot boxes, shall proceed to open them, in the presence of the election clerk, the candidates or their representatives, if present, and of at least two electors, if the candidates or their representatives are not present, and to add together the number of votes given for each candidate, from the statements contained in the several ballot boxes returned by the deputy returning officers: Provided always, that in case any of the said deputy returning officers has not duly enclosed in the ballot box the said statement as required by this Act, or if for any other cause the said returning officer cannot at the day and hour appointed by him for that purpose ascertain the exact number of votes given for each can-

Summing up of votes by returning officer.

If statements are not in ballot boxes as required by law, returning officer may adjourn summing up and