

Preservation of peace and good order.

74. Every returning officer and every deputy returning officer, from the time he takes the oath of office until the day after the summing up of the votes, shall be a conservator of the peace, invested with all the powers appertaining to a justice of the peace. R.S., c. 106, s. 65.

Officers
to be conservators of the peace.

75. Such returning officer or deputy returning officer may require the assistance of justices of the peace, constables or other persons present, to aid him in maintaining peace and good order at such polling; and may also, on a requisition made in writing by any agent, or by any two electors, swear in such special constables as he deems necessary. R.S., c. 106, s. 66.

May require assistance and swear in special constables.

76. Such returning officer or deputy returning officer may arrest or cause to be arrested, by verbal order, and place in the custody of any constables or other persons, any person disturbing the peace and good order at the polling, and may cause such person to be imprisoned under an order signed by him until any hour on that day, not later than the close of the poll. R.S., c. 106, s. 67.

May arrest disturbers of the peace.

77. The returning officer or deputy returning officer may during any day whereon any poll is begun, holden or proceeded with, require any person within half a mile of the polling station, to deliver to him any firearm, sword, staff, bludgeon, or other offensive weapon in the hands or personal possession of such person. R.S., c. 106, s. 68.

May demand offensive weapons.

78. Except the returning officer or his deputy, or one of the constables or special constables appointed by the returning officer or his deputy, for the orderly conduct of the poll and the preservation of the public peace thereat, no person who has not had a stated residence in the polling district for at least six months next before the day of such polling, shall come, during any part of the day upon which the poll is to remain open, into such polling district armed with offensive weapons of any kind as firearms, swords, staves, bludgeons or the like.

Entering polling district armed.

2. No person being in such polling district shall arm himself during any part of the day with any such offensive weapons, and thus armed, approach within the distance of one mile of the place where the poll for such polling district is held, unless called upon by lawful authority so to do. R.S., c. 106, s. 70.

Approaching polling station armed.

79. No person shall, at any polling, either provide or furnish drink or other refreshments at the expense of such person, to any elector during such polling, or pay for, procure or engage to pay for, any such drink or other refreshment. R.S., c. 106, s. 71.

Treating electors forbidden.