

Deputy Returning Officer's Duties.

1. To open Poll at nine a.m. and to keep it continuously open until five p.m., when it must be closed.

2. To permit to remain in the Polling Station the following persons *only*, namely, the Poll Clerks, the Candidates, their Agents, (or two electors where no agents), and not more than two other electors at a time, according to the number of compartments into which the station is divided.

3. To swear one agent of each candidate to secrecy according to the official oath.

4. Before receiving votes to open ballot box in the presence of the agents and such other electors as may be present, and having ascertained no ballots in it to lock it and call on electors to vote.

5. Upon the request of any agent to require any or all of the oaths hereunder written (as the case may warrant) to be taken by a voter before such voter receives a ballot, and to refuse a ballot to any person who refuses to be sworn or to affirm as required.

6. If not challenged, or if challenged and the required oath be taken to furnish the Elector with a ballot having the Officer's initials on the back of it so placed *by him* that when ballot is folded the initials can be seen without opening it. This ballot must have a counterfoil attached when given voter. This counterfoil, *not the ballot*, must have a number on it corresponding to the number placed opposite the voter's name in the poll book.

7. To mark ballot in the presence of the sworn agents and the voter only, if voter takes the required oath of his own inability to do so.

8. On voters returning from compartment with ballot, having ascertained by examining initials and counterfoil and number only, and *without unfolding it*, that it is the same which he furnished, to detach and destroy counterfoil, and then immediately—in the presence of the voter—place it in the box.