

Election Regulation Act.

such Poll Book for each Candidate at such Election, shall be included in his summing up of the votes of such Election, as if the same had been taken from such Poll Book.

Punishment of Deputy Returning Officer or Poll Clerk refusing to attend or be sworn.

81. If either the Deputy Returning Officer or the Poll Clerk omits to attend on such Returning Officer as hereby required, or refuses to be sworn or affirmed by such Returning Officer as aforesaid, he shall be subject to a penalty of Two Hundred Dollars; and in the case of such refusal to be sworn or affirmed as aforesaid, shall and may be committed by the said Returning Officer to the common gaol, until thence discharged by an order in that behalf made by the Legislative Council.

Duty of Returning Officer believing any Election documents to be altered, &c.

82. When the Returning Officer, having received any Poll Book or any document connected with the Election, has reason to believe that the same has been altered, injured, or obliterated, or that additions have been made thereto, he shall adjourn the proceedings and establish the true facts in the manner above provided in the case of the loss of any Poll Book.

Returning Officer to certify names of persons elected.

83. As soon as the state of the poll is proclaimed (or if no poll is demanded on the nomination day) at the close of the proceedings, the Returning Officer shall make out a Certificate, under his hand and seal, naming the person or persons elected as Member or Members as aforesaid, which Certificate shall be appended to the Writ of Election, and shall be returned with the Writ to the Office of the Registrar of the Supreme Court; but no person shall be named in such Certificate who has been publicly required in manner aforesaid to make a Declaration of his qualification prior to the proclamation of the state of the poll, and has declined or refused or omitted so to do.

Form of Certificate.

84. The Certificate shall be as follows:—

"I do hereby certify, that in obedience to the annexed Writ of Election to me directed, I have caused an Election to take place within the Electoral District of _____, and that the Electors of the said District have chosen to represent the said District in the Legislative Council.

"Dated, this _____ day of _____ 18 .

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"(Signature) A. B.,
"Returning Officer,
"Electoral District of _____."

Returning Officer to furnish Candidate with a Certificate of his Election. Form.

85. The Returning Officer (if required so to do) shall also give to each Candidate so elected, a Certificate in the following form:—

"I do hereby certify that, in obedience to the Writ of Election to me directed, I have caused an Election to take place within the Electoral District of _____, and that the Electors of the said District have chosen you to represent the said District as a Member [or one of the Members] for the said District in the Legislative Council.

"Dated, this _____ day of _____ 18 .

"(Signature) A. B.,
"Returning Officer.

"To _____."

Returning Officer to have copies of Poll Books made, and deposit same with Registrar of Voters, To be open to inspection. Fee.

86. Each Returning Officer shall make, or cause to be made, exact copies of all the Poll Books as well those kept under his own superintendence as those returned to him by his several Deputies, and within ten days after the closing of the Election shall deposit such copies, duly certified by him, in the Office of the Registrar of Voters of the District; and the said Registrar shall allow inspection thereof to any person who may demand the same, on payment of a fee of One Dollar, and shall allow such person to take a copy of the same at his own expense.

Original Poll Books and Writ to be returned to Registrar of Supreme Court. Their effect as evidence.

87. The Returning Officer shall also then transmit the originals of the said Poll Books with the Writ of Election, and his return thereupon, to the Registrar of the Supreme Court immediately after the closing of the Election, and the said original Poll Books with the Declarations, Affidavits, and Certificates hereinbefore required, shall in all cases be *prima facie* evidence of the truth of the allegations therein contained.

Also copies of Register of Voters used at Elections.

88. The Returning Officer shall forward to the Registrar of the Supreme Court with his return to the Writ of Election, copies of the Register of Voters used at that Election duly certified as such by him.

Delay or technical objections not to invalidate proceedings.

89. No Election shall be held to be void in consequence of their being no Returning Officer at the time of the issue of the Writ of Election, or in consequence of any delay in the holding of the Election at the time appointed, or in taking the poll, or in the return of the Writ, such delay not extending beyond the day named for the return of the Writ, or in consequence of any impediments of a technical or formal nature; and it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to cause to be adopted