

forty-eight hours notice thereof, which notice may be in the form A in the schedule to this act, and may be given by posting the notice on the door of the place fixed for the nomination of candidates for each electoral division.

Inspection
and testing of
machines.

2. At the time and place appointed the returning officer shall produce all the machines to be used in such election and allow each of the candidates full opportunity to test the accuracy thereof, and if any inaccuracy or defect exists he shall forthwith remedy it, and he shall then in the presence of the candidates lock the boxes and place his seal thereon, with the seals of such candidates as so desire, in such manner that no box can be opened without breaking such seals, and thereafter such seals shall not be broken until the deputy returning officer breaks them as hereinafter provided.

Duties of
returning
officer when
poll is
granted.
Deputies.

7. On a poll being granted the returning officer shall—
(a.) Appoint, by a commission under his hand in the form B in the schedule to this Act, one deputy returning officer for each polling district in the electoral district, who shall, before acting as such, take the oath of office in the form C in the schedule to this act;

List of voters.

(b.) Furnish each deputy returning officer with a copy of the list of voters in polling district for which he is appointed, such copy being first certified by himself or by the revising officer for such electoral district, or portion of an electoral district, in which such polling district is situate;

Voting
machines.

(c.) Deliver to each deputy returning officer, two days at least before the polling day, one voting machine locked and sealed, and the seal shall not be broken until immediately before the commencing of the poll;

Printed
directions.

(d.) Furnish each deputy returning officer with at least ten copies of printed directions in the form D in the schedule to this Act, for the guidance of voters in voting, which printed directions the deputy returning officer shall, before or at the opening of the poll, on the day of the polling cause to be posted up in some conspicuous places outside of the polling station and also in each compartment of the polling station.

Where the
poll shall
be held.

8. The poll when granted shall be held in each polling district in a room or building of convenient access, with an outside door for the admittance of the voters, and having, if possible, another door through which they may leave after having voted; and a compartment shall be made within the room, so arranged that each voter may be screened from observation and may without interference or interruption cast his vote.

Oath of
secrecy.

9. One of the agents of each candidate, and in the absence of such agent one of the electors representing each candidate if there is such elector, on being admitted to the polling station, shall take the oath to keep secret the names of the candidates for whom any of the voters has cast his vote in his presence as hereinafter required, which oath shall be in the form E in the schedule to this Act.

Opening the
poll; showing,
locking and
sealing of
voting box.

10. The deputy returning officer shall immediately before the opening of the poll break the seals, unlock and open the box, and allow the representatives of each candidate to see that the machine is in accurate working order, after which