

*they have made comparison and ascertained such facts, they shall announce the same in a loud voice.*

*(d) Coupons. All the coupons taken from the ballots cast shall be destroyed.*

*(e) Canvass. The canvass shall not be adjourned or postponed until it shall have been fully completed, or until the several statements and tally sheets hereinafter required to be made by the judges and clerks shall have been made out, signed and sealed by them. The judges shall have the right to station police officers or officers of the peace within the room wherein such canvass is made in order to keep the peace. The challengers and watchers shall be allowed to be present inside the guard-rail and sufficiently near so that they can see that the judges and clerks are faithfully performing their duties.*

**113. Counting Ballots.** *(a) Defective Ballots. The judges shall open the ballot-box and count and announce the whole number of ballots in the box. They shall reject any ballots which are intentionally folded together and any ballots which do not have endorsed thereon the name or initial of the judge who held the ballots. If there shall be any mark on the ballot other than the cross mark in a square opposite the name of a candidate as provided in Section 107, or other than the name or names of any candidate written by the voter on the ballot, such ballot shall not be counted. Ballots not counted for such defects shall be marked "Defective" on the back thereof and shall be wrapped in a separate package and returned in the ballot-box as hereinafter directed. No vote shall be counted for any candidate opposite whose name no cross mark shall be placed. No ballot shall be rejected solely because any part or portion of the cross mark extends beyond the square, if the point of intersection of the cross-mark is within the square. No ballot shall be rejected solely because the voter has marked more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, but such ballots shall not be counted for any candidate in the group of names so marked.*

*(b) Tallying Votes. The judges shall open the ballots, and all of them shall be canvassed separately by one of the judges sitting between two other judges, which judge shall call out each name and the office for which it is designated, with the other judges looking at the ballot at the same time and the clerks making tally of the same. When all the ballots have been canvassed in this manner, the election clerks shall compare their tallies together and ascertain the total number of votes received by each candidate. When they agree upon the numbers, one of them shall announce in a loud voice to the judges the aggregate number of votes received by each candidate. If requested by any watcher or challenger present at any canvass, it shall be the duty of the judges, and each of them, to exhibit to such watcher or challenger any ballot cast, fully opened or in such condition and manner that he may fully read and examine the same; but the judges shall not allow any ballot to be taken from their hands. As the ballots are counted they shall be strung upon a strong twine.*

**114. Proclamation of Results.** *(a) Procedure and Effect. When the canvass of the ballots shall have been completed, and the clerks shall have announced to the judges the total number of votes received*