

in the manner following: Such voter, after making such oath, may require one of the clerks to read to him the contents of the ballot so that the voter can ascertain the position of the names of the candidates on each ballot. The clerk so requested shall read said ballot to such voter in the presence of the other clerk, whereupon the voter shall retire to one of the booths or compartments and prepare his ballot, in the manner hereinbefore provided; or such voter may request one of said clerks, in the presence of the other, to mark the names of the candidates for whom he shall desire to vote. Affidavits of such voters shall contain a statement of the name and registered address of the voter, and of the special reason why he is unable to mark his ballot, and how long such disability has existed, and blanks for such affidavits shall be furnished by the city register in sufficient numbers for each polling place, and all such affidavits shall be returned with the pollbooks.

SEC. 270^{HHH}. The judges shall then open the ballot box and count and announce the whole number of ballots in the box. They shall reject any ballots which are deceitfully folded together. If the voter has marked more names than there are persons to be elected to an office or if for any reason, it is impossible to determine the voter's choice for any office to be filled, his ballot shall not be counted for such office. Ballots not counted for such defects shall be marked "Defective" on the back thereof, and shall be wrapped in a separate package and returned to the ballot box, as hereinafter directed. The said judges shall count the votes in the following manner: They shall open the ballots, and all of these 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, the other judges looking at the ballot at the same time, and the clerks making tally of the same. When all the ballots shall 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, and when they agree upon the number, 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 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 open, 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.