

SEC. 270CC. The place of any officer of registration who may be absent on any day of registration or revision shall be filled by the city register who shall appoint some competent person to such temporary office of registration, who shall take the same oath as provided in the case of the regular officers of registration; whenever the regular officer shall return or be present the temporary incumbent shall vacate his office. The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes, and the reasons therefor and the time when said substitutes began and ceased to serve as officers of registration shall be noted by the board in the registry.

SEC. 270MM. At least eight days before an election to fill any office herein provided for the city register shall cause to be inserted in two newspapers published in said city, the names of the persons nominated to office under the provisions of this article. He shall make not less than two such publications in each of such newspapers before the day of election, and one of such publications in each newspaper shall be upon the last day upon which said newspaper is issued before the day of election. Such publication shall be made in newspapers devoted to the dissemination of general news. The list of nominations published by the city register shall be arranged, as far as practicable, in the order and form in which they are to be printed upon the ballots.

SEC. 270 OO. Should any person so nominated die before election day or decline the nomination, as in this article provided, the vacancy or vacancies may be filled by selecting as a candidate or candidates the person or persons who in the preceding primary election received the next highest number of votes to those nominated for the office or offices in which the vacancy has occurred, but in the event there be no preceding primary election and a vacancy or vacancies occurs more than ninety-six hours before the opening of the polls on the day of election, such vacancy or vacancies shall be filled by placing on the official ballot, the name or names of the person or persons as the case may be who shall secure the largest number of signatures (from the lists of qualified voters of the city), attached to a petition, which petition shall be filed with the city register not less than twenty-four hours before the opening of the polls on the day of election. Each petition shall be accompanied with a statement of candidacy, and said petition and statement shall be substantially in the form set out in section 172 of this act, so far as the same is applicable, eliminating the word "primary" whenever the same appears in said statement or petition and stating therein that said person is a candidate for election