

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270WW. 1918 Code, sec. 399.

374. The judges of election, and each of them, shall have authority to keep the peace, and to cause any person to be arrested for any breach of the peace, or for any breach of the election laws, or any interference with the progress of an election, or of the canvass of the ballots; and it shall be the duty of all officers of the law present to obey the order of any judge of election, and an officer making an arrest by the direction of any judge shall be protected in so doing as fully as if a warrant had been issued to him to make such arrest.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270XX. 1918 Code, sec. 400.

375. The polling places shall be opened by the judges at eight o'clock in the morning and shall be kept open until six o'clock in the afternoon of the same day, at which time the polls shall be closed. If any judge or clerk shall not be present at the expiration of fifteen minutes after the time for opening the polls, the judge or judges present shall fill the place of such absent judge or clerk by appointing in his stead a person of the same political party as the absentee. One of the judges shall administer to such substitute the oath required of the judge or clerk originally appointed. After the opening of the polls no judge or clerk shall absent himself therefrom until all the ballots cast shall have been counted and the returns completed. If, in case of absolute necessity, any judge or clerk in attendance shall be compelled to absent himself, he shall appoint some fit person of the same political party with himself, to act in his stead until his return, having first administered to such substitute the same oath as he himself has taken. Blank forms for the appointment of substitute judges and clerks and of the oath aforesaid shall be supplied by the supervisors, and the oath, when administered, shall be preserved and returned by the judges to the supervisors. The appointment and swearing in of all such substitutes, and the reason therefor, and the time when such substitutes began and ceased to serve, shall be noted by the judge in the poll book of the precinct; such substitute shall cease to act whenever the judge or clerk in whose stead he was appointed shall be present.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270YY. 1918 Code, sec. 401.

376. Each political party or other body of voters having a candidate or candidates duly nominated, shall have the right to designate and keep a challenger and watcher at each place of registration and election, who shall be assigned to such positions, near the judges of election, inside the registration or polling room, as to enable them to see each person as he offers to register or vote, and they shall be protected in the discharge of their duty by the judges of election and the police. A certificate, signed by the candidates, or by the presiding officer of the chief managing committee of their party in the city shall be sufficient evidence of the right of such challenger and watcher to be present in the registration or polling room. In case any challenger or watcher does not produce such certificate, the judges of election shall recognize a challenger or watcher vouched