

written in ink the voter's name and number upon the coupon attached to one of them, shall deliver said ballot to the voter, after having likewise written in ink his own name or initials upon the back thereof; and the two clerks of election shall, at the same time, enter the number and names of the voter upon their poll books. Upon receipt of his ballot, the voter shall forthwith, and without leaving the inclosed space, retire alone to one of the booths or compartments and prepare his ballot by marking, with an indelible pencil, after the name of the person or persons for whom he intends to vote, and to the right thereof in the blank space provided therefor, a cross (for example, X); and in case of a question submitted to a vote of the people by marking likewise in the appropriate space a cross against the answer which he desires to give. This provision shall be directory, as far as the instrument for marking the ballot is concerned. Any voter who desires to vote for an entire group may make a cross, as above described, in the appropriate space after the emblem or name of the political organization above such group. Not more than one voter shall be permitted to occupy any one booth or compartment at one time, and no voter shall remain in or occupy a booth longer than may be necessary to prepare his ballot, and in no event longer than five minutes in case all such booths or compartments are in use and other voters are waiting to occupy the same. Before leaving the voting booth or compartment, the voter shall fold his ballot without displaying the marks thereon, and in the same way it was folded when received by him, and he shall keep the same so folded until he has voted, and so that the signature or initials of the judge from whom he received it and the name and number written on the coupon thereof, but nothing else thereon may be seen. He shall forthwith hand his said ballot to the judge at the ballot box, and shall give his name and residence, and upon his being identified as the person who received said ballot, the judge shall deposit his ballot in the box, having first detached therefrom its coupon, which he shall then string upon a cord or wire to be provided for the purpose, and the said voter shall forthwith leave the inclosed space. The judge having charge of the register shall then, in the column therein headed "voted," in the same line with the name of the voter mark the word "Voted," or the letter "V." No ballot without the endorsement of the name or initials of the judge thereon, as herein provided, shall be deposited in said ballot box; but if deposited, shall be counted at the close of the election, and the judges shall, in ink, mark on the back thereof the word "Counted," and sign their names below.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270DDD. 1918 Code, sec. 406.

**381.** Any voter who declares, under oath, to the judges of election, that he cannot read or write, or that, by reason of physical disability, he is unable to mark his ballot, and who shall have stated such inability at the time of registering, and is so entered in the register, shall receive the assistance of the clerks in preparing the same in the manner following: Such voter, after making such oath, may require one of the clerks