

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, or mark a group, should said voter desire to vote for an entire group. 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 ballots, and how long such disability has existed; and blanks for such affidavits shall be furnished by the Supervisors of Elections in sufficient numbers for each polling place, and all such affidavits shall be returned with the poll books.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270EEE. 1918 Code, sec. 407.

**382.** Any voter who shall, by accident or mistake, spoil his ballot so that he cannot conveniently vote the same, may on returning said spoiled ballot to the judge holding the ballots, receive another in place of it, with his name and the same number written on the coupon thereof, as on the ballot so returned, but no voter shall receive more than three ballots from said judge for the reason aforesaid. The ballots thus returned shall be immediately cancelled by endorsing thereon the word "spoiled," and, together with those not distributed to the voters, shall be preserved and returned to the Supervisors of Elections, as hereinafter provided. Every voter who does not vote any ballot delivered to him, shall, before leaving the polling place, return such ballot to the judge, from whom he received it, and said returned ballot shall be retained as if said ballot had been spoiled. When any one claiming to be a person whose name appears upon the registers, shall make application for a ballot, his right to vote at that election may be challenged, but shall not be determined until after he has marked his ballot and delivered it to the judge at the ballot box. The person challenging shall assign his reason therefor, and one of the judges shall thereupon administer to the person offering to vote an oath to make true answers to questions, and if he shall take said oath, he shall be questioned by the judge or judges touching said cause of challenge, and he may also be questioned by the person challenging him in regard thereto, and if a majority of the judges are of opinion that he is the person so registered, his vote shall be received accordingly. No one who is not registered as a qualified voter of the precinct shall be entitled to vote or to receive a ballot, but no vote shall be rejected because of an error in the spelling of the voter's name or because of the wrongful omission or addition of one or more initials of his middle name or names, or because the voter gives initials, one or more, of his christian or given name instead of his full name, or one or more of his christian or given name or names, instead of the initial or initials thereof, or because of an error in the number of his residence on the register, provided a majority of the