

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270-III. 1918 Code, sec. 411.

386. When the canvass of the ballots shall have been completed, and the clerk shall have announced to the judges the total number of votes received by each candidate, each of the judges of election, in return, shall then proclaim in a loud voice the total number of votes received by each person voted for in such precinct and the office for which he is designated, and the number of votes for and the number of votes against any proposition which shall have been submitted to the vote of the people; such proclamation shall be *prima facie* evidence of the result of the canvass of such ballots.

Election Returns.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270JJJ. 1918 Code, sec. 412.

387. The judges shall make duplicate statements or returns of the result of the canvass, each of which shall, if possible, be made upon a single sheet of paper, and shall contain a caption stating the day on which said statements shall be made, and the number of the election precinct of the city in relation to which said statements shall be made, and the time of opening and closing the polls of such precinct, and showing the whole number of votes given for each person, designating the office for which they were given, such statements shall be written or partly written, and partly printed in words at length, and in case a proposition of any kind has been submitted to a vote at such election, such statements shall also show in like manner the whole number of votes cast for or against such proposition, and at the end of such statement shall be written a certificate that the same is correct in all respects, which certificate and each sheet of paper forming part of the statement shall be subscribed by the judges and clerks. If any judge or clerk shall decline to sign such return, he shall state his reason therefor in writing and a copy thereof, signed by himself, shall be enclosed with each return. Each of the statements shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall then be securely sealed with sealing wax or other adhesive material, and each of the judges and clerks shall write his name across the fold of the envelope, one of the envelopes shall be directed to the City Register of said city and one to the Board of Aldermen of said city. Each set of tallies shall also be signed by the election clerks and the judges of election, and each shall be enclosed in an envelope securely signed and sealed as aforesaid, one which shall be addressed to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and the other to the Mayor of said city. On the outside of every envelope shall be endorsed the statement that it contains the votes cast on the tallies, and for what precinct of said city.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270KKK. 1918 Code, sec. 413.

388. The "spoiled" and "not voted" ballots, as defined in Section 382 shall be enclosed in a package to themselves and endorsed "spoiled and not voted"; the "rejected" and "defective ballots," as defined in said section and in Section 385 shall be enclosed in a package to themselves, and endorsed "rejected and defective." The poll books and the ballots cast and