

of ballots, taking a receipt from said judges therefor; a record shall be kept by said board of supervisors of the time when such delivery was made and of the particulars thereof, and the same with said receipts shall be preserved for six months, unless a contest has occurred with reference to any office which was embraced in the ballots, and then until the contest is ended, when they shall be destroyed.

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161-II.

299. The said board of supervisors of elections shall prepare or cause to be prepared "cards of instructions," to be printed in clear large type in separate cards, full instructions for the guidance of voters as to obtaining ballots, the manner of marking them, the method of gaining assistance, and the manner of obtaining new ballots in place of those accidentally spoiled, together with copies of sections three hundred and thirteen to three hundred and sixteen, inclusive, to the number of ten for each polling-place.

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161JJ.

300. At the opening of the polls in such polling place the seals of the packages of the first set of ballots and of the specimen ballots and cards of instruction shall be publicly broken by the return judge of election, and the packages, books or blocks of ballots shall be delivered into the custody of the ballot clerks, hereinafter provided for; the cards of instruction shall be immediately posted in or at each voting shelf or compartment provided for marking the ballots, and not less than three of the cards and not less than five specimen ballots shall immediately be posted up conspicuously about the polling place; if it shall become necessary to use the second set of ballots, it shall be received by the judges from the board of supervisors as hereinafter stated.

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161KK.

301. If it should so happen that the ticket prepared and printed by the said board of supervisors of election should be destroyed, lost or stolen, or should be inaccessible to them for any reason, they shall proceed expeditiously to prepare and cause to be printed two sets of duplicates thereof, and shall proceed as near as may be, with respect to said duplicate sets as if they had been the originals.

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161LL.

302. If it shall happen that some office or offices shall become vacant after the time fixed for filing certificates of nomination or nomination papers, or a candidate for any office shall die after his name shall have been printed on the official ballots, tickets for such office or offices alone, not exceeding four inches in length, may be printed and may be prepared and may be carried into polling room and voted at the same time and in the same ballot box with the official ballot and shall be counted in the same manner as the official ballots; and in the cases mentioned in this section, the name of a candidate for such vacant office shall not be placed or written on the official ballot or counted if found thereon.