

be closed and the ballots publicly counted; and they shall, within two days after said election, make a true and correct return of the same, under their hands, to be addressed and transmitted to the president of the commissioners, who shall convene the said commissioners on the second day after the said election, to receive the returns of the same.

1878, ch. 468.

195. The president shall then open the said returns in the presence of the commissioners, and the commissioners shall forthwith cause to be issued by their clerk, certificates of election to the five persons appearing from the said returns to have received the highest number of votes, with the seal of the commissioners attached; and said certificates shall be recorded among the proceedings of the commissioners.

Ibid.

196. If at any election for commissioners it shall appear from the returns of the judges of said election that any two or more persons voted for as commissioners have received the same number of votes, so that there is no choice for the entire number required, but a vacancy in one or more seats, if there shall be as many as three duly elected, such three having qualified as commissioners, upon entering upon the duties of their office shall immediately proclaim a new election to supply such vacancy or vacancies.

Ibid.

197. If it shall appear that three of the persons voted for have not been duly elected, said commissioners shall forthwith proclaim a new election to supply the vacancies occasioned by the failure to elect.

Ibid.

198. Every judge of election, before he proceeds to take or receive any vote, shall take an oath that he will permit every qualified person and none other to vote at the election; every clerk, before he enters any vote on the polls, shall take an oath that he will well and faithfully, without favor, affection or partiality, execute the office of clerk of election; the several judges may administer the oath to each other, or take the same before a