

ted to be present may conveniently see every ballot deposited therein. The sealed package of ballots shall not be opened until after the ballot-box shall have been so examined, closed and locked by the judges.

1896, ch. 202.

61. At every election each qualified voter shall be entitled to receive one official ballot. The person applying therefor to the judge of election holding the ballots shall give his name and residence, and the said judge shall repeat the same in a loud and distinct voice, and if such name be found upon the registers by the judges having the custody thereof, they shall repeat the said name, and the voter shall be allowed to enter the space inclosed by the guard-rail, and the judge holding the ballots, having first 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 name 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, in the same way it was folded when