

1896, ch. 202.

65. Immediately after the closing of the polls, before the ballot-box is opened, all the coupons taken from the ballots cast shall be destroyed, and each of the election clerks shall write his name in each of the poll-books, immediately under the name of the last voter, and the judges shall write in ink, opposite to and against the name of each person entered in their registers who is not shown by said registers to have voted, and in the appropriate column headed "Voted" the word "No," so that the said column may be wholly filled up, and the judges shall then compare the registers, make them agree, and ascertain the number of persons, who, by said registers, are shown to have voted at that polling place on that day; and when they have made comparison and ascertained such facts, they shall announce the same in a loud voice.

Ibid.

66. The judges shall then open the ballot-box and count and announce the whole number of ballots in the box. They shall reject any ballots which are deceitfully folded together, and any ballots which do not have endorsed thereon the name or initials of the judge who held the ballots. If the voter has marked more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, or if for any reason it is impossible to determine the voter's choice for any office to be filled, his ballot shall not be counted for such office. Ballots not counted for such defects shall be marked "Defective" on the back thereof, and shall be wrapped in a separate package and returned in the ballot-box as hereinafter directed. Where the voter makes the cross-marks opposite the party emblem, his vote shall be counted as cast for all the candidates in such party group, whose names are not erased, and the effect of such marking, shall not be altered by his also making the cross-mark opposite one or more names of candidates in the said group; but if a voter shall have made the cross-mark opposite a party name or emblem, and also opposite one or more names of candidates in another column, his vote shall be counted for each candidate so marked in another column and also for all the candidates under the marked party name or emblem whose names are not erased, and each name in the said marked party group opposite the name of any candidate marked,