

Count of Ballots.

1906, ch. 544.

69. As soon as the election polls shall have been closed, the judges in their several precincts shall immediately, and at the place of polling, proceed, as hereinbefore provided, to canvass the votes cast, having first sealed up the unused ballots remaining of the package last broken by them, and endorse the same with their signatures as unused ballots. The canvass shall not be adjourned nor postponed until it shall have been fully completed, or until the several statements and tally-sheets hereinafter required to be made by the judges and clerks shall have been made out, signed and sealed by them. The judges shall have the right to station police officers or officers of the peace within the room wherein such canvass is made, in order to keep the peace. The challengers and watchers shall be allowed to be present inside the guard-rail and so near that they can see that the judges and clerks are faithfully performing their duties.

Election Returns.

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73. 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 and the number of the election precinct, and the county or ward of the city in relation to which said statement shall be made, and the time of opening and closing the polls of such precinct, and showing the whole number of votes in the ballot-box, and the whole number of votes given for each person, designating the office for which they were given. Such statement 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 a 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