

by the clerks having charge thereof in regular succession under the proper heading, the number of each voter being placed opposite his name in the column headed "Number," but if the vote of any person whose name has been entered on the poll books shall be afterwards rejected by the judges, the clerks shall thereupon draw a line through his name and number and continue said list, if there be any other voters, as if the same had not been entered.

609. The voting at said elections for Mayor and City Councilmen, or upon any proposition submitted to the qualified voters of said town, shall commence at eight o'clock A. M. and continue until seven o'clock P. M. as hereinbefore provided; and after the inspection of the ballot box and tickets by the judges and clerks of election and the ballot box shall have been locked, all qualified voters of the said town offering to vote and whose names appear upon the said registration books shall be furnished an official ballot with the initials of one of the judges thereon, after having answered such questions relating to his identity and right to vote as the judges of election may think proper, and repair to one of the booths or compartments provided for voters and mark his ballot with the pencil therein provided and as hereinbefore required, when he shall fold his ticket without displaying the marks thereon, and return it to one of the judges of election, who shall deposit it in the ballot box; provided, however, that any voter who shall spoil a ballot so he cannot vote it may, on returning said spoiled ballot to the judge holding the ballots, receive another in its stead; and should he spoil the second ballot, he shall upon returning the same to the officer aforesaid, be entitled to receive a third ballot, which said spoiled ballot shall be immediately cancelled by endorsing thereon the word "spoiled," which ballots shall be preserved and included in the election returns. Every voter who does not vote the ballot delivered to him shall, before leaving the polling place, return such ballot to the judge from whom he received it, and said returned ballot shall be retained as if said ballot had been spoiled; and no voter shall be allowed over seven minutes in which to vote.

610. Immediately upon the closing of the polls the judges of election shall proceed to count the ballots, and the counting or canvass thereof shall not be adjourned or postponed until the count or canvass shall have been fully completed; nor until the returns have been announced pub-