

judges ; if the same shall be found on the poll books by the clerk he shall again announce his political affiliation and the judges shall deposit his ballot in the box of the party to which the voter states he belongs ; this, however, must agree with his first declaration, which shall be noted by the poll clerks when the official ballot is first obtained ; after the ballot has been received and deposited in the proper ballot box as aforesaid, the clerk shall note the fact by marking the letter "V" after the said voter's name ; voters shall be entitled to additional tickets to the number of two upon the surrender of the original, the same to be given one at a time and only in case the preceding one shows that it was not intentionally mutilated.

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Letter "V"  
marked on  
ballot.

SEC. 16. *And be it enacted*, That where groups of candidates are to be voted for the ticket shall plainly indicate the number to be chosen ; in case more than the required number is voted for it shall not vitiate the portions of the ticket which are correctly marked ; in case delegates are to be chosen the ticket shall clearly indicate the number ; no official sample ballots shall be necessary ; the voters may obtain assistance either by the aid of unofficial sample ballots or in any other way or manner that they may elect.

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SEC. 17. *And be it enacted*, That as soon as the polls are closed the judges and clerks shall immediately proceed to canvass the votes cast ; the work shall not be adjourned or postponed until it shall have been fully completed ; in counting the ballots the intent of the voters shall always govern ; provided, the same can be intelligently obtained. The judges shall complete the work of counting the ballots of one party first, then cast up the returns, signing the same as hereinafter provided, before the ballot-box of the other political party shall be opened, which shall then be completed in a like manner ; two tally sheets of each political party shall be kept, the same to be authenticated by the signatures of the judges and clerks ; one of each of said tally sheets, together with a summary of returns, also authenticated by the signatures of judges and clerks of election, shall be immediately sent by registered mail to the supervisors of election at their office in Bel Air, Maryland. It shall be the duty of the judges of opposite political faith to that of the return judge to see that the tallies and statements are mailed as aforesaid. The other

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