

voters in the manner hereinafter set forth. If any ballot clerk or other officer of election shall fail to appear at the opening of the polls, or become unable to serve, the vacancies shall be filled by the board of supervisors of election immediately upon the fact of said vacancy being called to their attention, or by any one of said supervisors of election, if at the time of notice of such vacancy said board of supervisors be not in session.

270 AA. The said board of supervisors of election shall cause each polling place to be suitably provided a sufficient number ^{voting shelves.} of voting shelves or compartments, using those owned by the County Commissioners of Frederick county if practicable, together with the necessary rails and tables, at or in which voters may conveniently mark their ballots, so that in marking thereof they may be in sight, but be screened from the observation of others; and a guard rail shall be so constructed and placed that only such persons as are inside of said rail can approach within six feet of the ballot boxes, and of such voting shelves or compartments; the arrangements shall be such that neither the ballot boxes nor the voting shelves or compartments shall be hidden from view of those just outside the guard rail; the number of such voting shelves shall not be less than one for every one hundred voters qualified to vote at such polling place; no person other than the said election officers and voters admitted as herein provided, shall be admitted within said rail except election police appointed by the judges of election, for the sole purpose of keeping order and enforcing the law; the number of such election police shall be such as said judges of election shall determine, and their compensation shall be the same as that of the judges of election; each voting shelf or compartment shall be kept provided by the ballot clerks with proper supplies and conveniences for marking the ballots, and each ballot shall be marked by the voter with the cross mark (X) herein mentioned, by means of a rubber or other stamp provided for each booth, and supplied with ink, so that the cross mark (X) shall in all cases be as near as practicable uniform. Not more than six voters in addition to those then within the railing shall be admitted to the room at one time, and each voter, except the officers and representatives before mentioned, shall be required after voting to withdraw entirely out of the room; the judges of election may admit persons from time to time to aid in determining the fact whether a voter is entitled to vote, and such persons shall withdraw at once after their statements shall have been given.