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veniently mark their ballots. Said booths or compartments shall be constructed of plank not less than one inch in thickness, and shall be of such width, and depth and height that the voter, in marking his ballot therein shall be screened from the observation of others, and for this purpose a short curtain shall be hung across the front of each compartment at a convenient height, and so as to extend a little below the shelf hereinafter mentioned. Each compartment shall have a shelf within the same, and shall be provided with proper supplies and conveniences for marking the ballot, and a guard rail shall be constructed in said polling place so as to divide the space occupied by the judges of election and other officials and persons permitted by law to be within the same from the public; said guard rail shall have an entrance and an exit therein, and shall also be so constructed and placed that only persons who are inside said rail can approach within five feet of the ballot boxes. The arrangement of such polling places shall be such that neither the ballot boxes nor the voting booths or compartments shall be hidden from view of those just outside of said guard rail. The number of such compartments shall not be less than one for every one hundred voters qualified to vote at such polling place, and not less than five in any polling place in said city. No person other than voters engaged in preparing or depositing their ballots, and the election officers shall be permitted to be within said rail, unless by authority of the judges of election, for the purpose of keeping order and enforcing the law. The ballot box shall be within said rail, and not more than six feet therefrom. The expense of providing such booths or compartments and guard rail shall be a public charge, and the same, after the election is over, shall be preserved by the Supervisors of Elections for subsequent use, and the Supervisors of Elections for Frederick County may permit the booths or compartments and guard rails prepared for election district number two of said county to be used at the elections herein provided for.

Voting booths, how to be constructed.

270 B B B. As soon as the polls are opened, and immediately before any ballots are received by the judges, they shall open every ballot box used or to be used, and having taken therefrom the poll books, ballots and all the blanks and stationery provided by the Supervisors of Election, they shall permit all persons rightfully present to examine such ballot boxes and every part thereof, so that they may be satisfied as to the structure thereof, and that such ballot box is empty. The ballot box shall then be locked and the key delivered to one of

Inspection of ballot boxes.