

LLOYD LOWNDES, ESQUIRE, GOVERNOR.

so folded until he has voted, and so that the signature or initials of the judge from whom he received it and the name and number written on the coupon thereof, but nothing else thereon, may be seen. He shall forthwith hand his said ballot to the judge at the ballot box, and shall give his name and residence, and upon his being identified as the person who received said ballot, the judge shall deposit his ballot in the box, having first detached therefrom its coupon, which he shall then string upon a cord or wire to be provided for the purpose, and the said voter shall forthwith leave the inclosed space. The judges having charge of the registers shall then, in the column therein headed "Voted," in the same line with the name of the voter mark, the word "voted" or the letter "V." No ballot without the endorsement of the name or initials of the judge thereon, as hereinbefore provided, shall be deposited in said ballot box, but if deposited shall be counted at the close of the election, and the judges shall in ink mark on the back thereof the word "counted" and sign their names below.

270 D D D. Any voter who declares under oath to the judges of election that he can not read or write, or that by reason of physical disability he is unable to mark his ballot, and who shall have stated such inability at the time of registering, and is so entered in the registers, shall receive the assistance of the clerks in preparing the same, in the manner following: Such voter after making such oath may require one of the clerks to read to him the contents of the ballot, so that the voter can ascertain the position of the names of the candidates on each ballot. The clerk so requested, shall read said ballot to such voter in the presence of the other clerk; whereupon the voter shall retire to one of the booths or compartments and prepare his ballot in the manner hereinbefore provided, or such voter may request one of said clerks in the presence of the other, to mark the names of the candidates for whom he shall desire to vote, or mark a group, should said voter desire to vote for an entire group. Affidavits of such voters shall contain a statement of the name and registered address of the voter, and of the special reason why he is unable to mark his ballots and how long such disability has existed; and blanks for such affidavits shall be furnished by the Supervisors of Elections in sufficient numbers for each polling place, and all such affidavits shall be returned with the poll books.

270 E E E. Any voter who shall, by accident or mistake, spoil his ballot so that he cannot conveniently vote the same,

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