

voter shall be allowed more than seven minutes within which to vote. Each Clerk of Election shall keep a poll book containing a column headed "Number," and another headed "Name of Voter." All entries therein shall be made in ink and the number and name of each person found entitled to vote and given a ballot shall be entered on each of the poll books by the Clerks having charge thereof in regular succession under the proper heading; but if the vote of any person whose name has been entered on the poll books shall be afterwards rejected by the Judges, and his ballot not put in a ballot box, the Clerks shall thereupon draw a line through his name and number.

Immediately after the closing of the polls, the Judges of Election shall proceed to count the ballots in the four boxes in order, and the counting thereof shall not be adjourned or postponed until it shall have been fully completed, the returns announced publicly and the written returns hereinafter provided for fully completed, and signed by the Judges and Clerks of Election. No ballot shall be counted for Mayor whereon the voter has made a cross (X) mark opposite the name of more than one candidate for Mayor, and the same shall be true in respect to the counting the votes for Councilman for each of the several wards. No ballot in box No. 1 shall be counted for any candidate whatsoever if it be marked for any candidate for whom a first ward voter shall not be entitled to vote, and the same rule shall apply to such of the other boxes. In counting the ballots the Judges of Election shall be governed by the manifest intent of the voter where the same can be ascertained, and a cross (X) mark protruding slightly beyond any square in which the same should be made shall not be sufficient cause to reject any ballot. Any ballot which shall have upon it any mark other than a cross (X) mark, which in the opinion of the Judges shall appear to have been placed thereon for the purpose of distinguishing said ballot from others, shall be rejected by them and not counted.

After the Election Officials shall have counted the ballots, and shall have compared the poll books with the number of ballots, and found them to be correct, they shall make duplicate statements or returns of the result of the canvass of said votes, each of which statements or returns shall contain a caption showing the date on which said election was held and the hours thereof, and showing the number of votes given to each candidate designating the office for which they were given. In case any proposition other than the election of officials shall be