

the votes, no ballot shall be rejected because the voter casting the same shall have voted for only one candidate. And if in his ballot any voter shall have voted twice or thrice for the same candidate, such ballot shall be counted as but a single vote for such candidate.

(Q) That after the ballots and votes have been counted and the result ascertained, said Board shall, within twenty-four (24) hours certify to The Cottage City Commission the result of such election, stating the names of the candidates and the number of votes cast for each, and shall, within the same period, post at least one copy of such certificate at the voting place in each ward and also at the regular meeting place of said Commission. Such certificate shall be signed by each member of said Board of Election Supervisors. Provided, however, that failure on the part of said Board to make such certificate or to post copies thereof, or failure to do both of these acts, shall not invalidate such election. If said Board shall so fail to make such certificate and post copies thereof, then it shall be the duty of The Cottage City Commission to make such certificate and post such copies thereof.

(R) That after said Board shall have counted the ballots and votes and ascertained the result of the election, said Board shall file with The Cottage City Commission all records and books in connection with such election.

(S) That each of the Commissioners so elected shall, on or before the third Monday in May of the year when he shall have been elected, qualify as such Commissioner by taking an oath of office as prescribed by paragraph J of Section 4 of this Act.

(T) That in case any person so elected to the office of Commissioner shall fail so to qualify or in case of any vacancy in the office of Commissioner by death, resignation or otherwise, the remaining Commissioner or Commissioners shall fill such vacancy by appointment. Any person so appointed shall possess the qualifications stated in this Act, shall be a resident of the ward wherein such vacancy exists, and shall qualify by taking the oath of office within three days after his said appointment.

(U) That in making appointment to fill any such vacancy in the office of Commissioner, the remaining qualified Commissioner (if there be but one remaining qualified Commissioner) shall make such appointment by entering in the minute books