

45C. If the voter marks more names than there are persons to be elected to an office, or if for any reason it is impossible to determine the voter's choice for any office to be filled, his ballot shall not be counted for such office; and no ballot containing any other mark, writing or device than such as is authorized or allowed by this Article shall be counted; and no ballot without the official endorsement and the initials of the Clerk of Election shall be deposited in the ballot box, but shall be rejected and kept by the Judge and Clerk of Election in a separate place; ballots not counted and rejected shall be marked "Defective" on the back thereof, and shall be transmitted to the Mayor and Council immediately after election and they shall then be destroyed.

45D. When the polls shall be closed the box wherein the ballots are deposited shall immediately thereafter, in the presence of the Mayor of said town, be opened by the Judge of Election who shall publicly take out the said ballots and read distinctly and aloud the name or names written or printed thereon respectively; and the Clerk of said Election shall carefully enter and keep an account of the same on the books of the polls so that the number of votes for each candidate may be readily cast up and known; when the ballots have been canvassed, the said Judge and Clerk of the Election shall total the number of votes received by each candidate; the Judge of Election shall make out under his hand, attested by the Clerk of the Election, a full and distinct statement of the number of votes which shall have been then and there given for each candidate, distinguishing the office for which he has been voted, and certify the same to the Mayor and Council of the said town of Boonsboro. The Judge and Clerk of the Election shall deliver the ballot box, properly locked and sealed, to the Mayor and Council, and it shall be safely kept in the custody of the Clerk of the town for the space of thirty days from the date of such election, at which time said ballot box shall be opened by the said Clerk and said ballots destroyed, during which space of thirty days said ballot box shall not be opened except when ordered by the Court in a judicial investigation or a contested election.

45E. Any Clerk of the Election who shall place his initials upon any ballot, save when about to deliver it to a voter in the polling room, and any person whatsoever, who shall wilfully destroy, conceal, or retain any ballot duly prepared for voting, or wilfully break the seals of any package, book, or block of ballots, or abstract any ballot or ballots therefrom, or have any such ballot, except for the lawful purposes in this Article provided in his possession, or any paper purporting to be an