

tion is over such equipment shall be preserved by the Supervisors of Elections for subsequent use.

**106. Examination of Ballot Boxes.** As soon as the polls are open and immediately before any ballots are received by the judges, they shall open every ballot-box used or to be used. Having taken therefrom the poll-books, ballots and all the blanks and stationery provided by the Supervisors of Elections, 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 the judges. It shall not again be opened until the closing of the polls; and until such closing each ballot-box shall be kept constantly in the sight of all persons entitled to be present. It shall be so placed that the voter offering his ballot, the judges and clerks, and all persons entitled to be present may conveniently see every ballot deposited therein. The sealed package of ballots shall not be opened until after the ballot-box shall have been so examined, and closed and locked by the judges.

**107. Procedure for Casting Ballots.** (a) *Delivery of Ballot.* At every election each qualified voter shall be entitled to receive one official ballot. In applying therefor to the judge of election holding the ballots, he shall give his name and residence, and the said judge shall repeat the same in a loud and distinct voice. If such name be found upon the registers by the judges having custody thereof, they shall repeat the said name, and the voter shall be allowed to enter the space enclosed by the guard-rail. The judge holding the ballots, having first written in ink the voter's name and number upon the coupon attached to one of them, shall deliver said ballot to the voter after having likewise written in ink his own name or initials upon the back thereof; and the two clerks of election shall at the same time enter the name of the voter upon their poll books.

(b) *Marking Ballot.* Upon receipt of his ballot the voter, without leaving the enclosed space, shall forthwith retire alone to one of the booths or compartments and prepare his ballot. He shall mark with an indelible pencil after the name of every person or persons for whom he intends to vote, and to the right thereof, in the blank space provided therefor, a cross (X) mark in case of a question submitted to a vote of the people, by marking likewise in the appropriate space a cross (X) mark against the answer which he desires to give. Not more than one voter shall be permitted to occupy any one booth or compartment at one time. No voter shall remain in or occupy a booth longer than may be necessary to prepare his ballot, and in no event longer than ~~seven~~ FOUR minutes in case all such booths or compartments are in use and other voters are waiting to occupy the same, except that an additional three minutes shall be allowed if there are Constitutional amendments or referenda to be voted upon.

(c) *Casting Ballot.* Before leaving the voting booth or compartment the voter shall fold his ballot without displaying the marks thereon, and in the same way it was folded when received by him. He shall keep the same so folded until he has cast his ballot, 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 ballot