

preserved and returned to the board as hereinafter provided. Every voter who does not vote any ballot delivered to him, before leaving the polling place, shall return such ballot to the judge from whom he received it, and said returned ballot shall be retained as if it had been spoiled. If for any other reason a person who has received a ballot shall leave the polling place without voting, he shall return the ballot to the judge. All ballots returned to the judge holding the ballots shall be immediately strung by him upon a cord or wire, provided for that purpose, still folded and with the coupons still attached and each endorsed upon the back thereof with the words "Spoiled," or "Rejected", or "Not Voted", as the case may be, and all such ballots shall be returned to the board, as hereinafter provided.

(j) Ballots other than those printed by the respective boards, according to the provisions of this section, shall not be cast or counted in any election. This subsection shall not prevent any voter in any general election from writing on his ballot and marking in the proper place the name of any person other than those already printed for whom he may desire to vote for any office. Such votes shall be counted the same as if the name of such person had been printed upon the ballot and marked by the voter.

(k) As soon as the election polls have been closed, the judges in their several precincts shall immediately, and at the place of polling, proceed to canvass the votes cast, as follows:

(1) The judges shall first seal up the unused ballots remaining of the package last broken by them and endorse the same with their signatures as unused ballots.

(2) All the coupons taken from the ballots cast shall be destroyed.

(3) The canvass shall not be adjourned or postponed until it shall have been fully completed, or until the several statements and tally sheets hereinafter required to be made by the judges shall have been made out, signed and sealed by them. The judges shall have the right to station police officers or officers of the peace within the room wherein such canvass is made in order to keep the peace. The challengers and watchers shall be allowed to be present sufficiently near so that they can see that the judges are faithfully performing their duties.

(l) The judges shall open the ballot boxes and count and announce the whole number of ballots in the boxes. They shall reject any ballots which are intentionally folded together and any ballots which do not have endorsed thereon the name or initial of the judge who held the ballots. If there shall be any mark on the ballot other than the cross-mark in a square opposite the name of a candidate as provided in subsection (h) of this section, or other than the name or names of any candidate written by the voter on the ballot, such ballot shall not be counted. Ballots not counted for such defects shall be marked "Defective" on the back thereof and shall be wrapped in a separate package and returned in the ballot box as hereinafter directed. No vote shall be counted for any candidate opposite whose name no cross-mark is placed. No ballot shall be rejected solely because any part or portion of the cross-mark extends beyond the square if the point of intersection of the cross-mark is within the square. No ballot shall be rejected solely because the voter has marked more names than there are persons to be elected to an office,