

be opened by the judge or judges of election, and the said judge or judges shall publicly, in the presence of the persons designated in the preceding section, carefully take out the said ballots and read distinctly and aloud the name or names, which have been marked thereon as hereinbefore provided, respectively, and the clerks of said election shall carefully enter and keep an account of the same on the poll book, so that the number of votes for each candidate or delegate tallied thereon may be readily cast up and down.

“176. That if upon opening any of said ballots there be found any more names marked thereon than there ought to be, or if any two or more of such ballots be deceitfully folded together, or if the purpose for which the vote is given is not plainly designated thereon, such ballot shall be rejected and not counted.

“177. That as soon as the ballots shall be read off and counted, and the number for each candidate reckoned up and ascertained, the judge or judges of election shall make out, under his or their hands, attested by the clerk of election or one of them, on the poll book, a plain, fair and distinct certificate of the number of votes, which shall have been then and there given for each candidate, distinguishing the station or office for which he is a candidate; such certificate to be as near as possible in the form of the like certificate required from the judges of election under the general election law of the State.

“178. That the return judges of any primary election shall return, on the day following the day on which any primary election shall be held under this law, before twelve o'clock, noon, the ballots cast and the ballots rejected at such election, in several sealed packages, and the poll books and certificates aforesaid, to the chairman of the said committee or committees of the political party under whose authority the election was called, who shall immediately thereupon publicly announce the result; such packages shall be destroyed at the expiration of thirty days, by said committee or committees without breaking the seal unless they are, before that time, demanded by the party convention or by other competent authority to