

26. In the future division of Parishes, when no provision is made for polling, the electors shall continue to poll at the same place as if no division had been made.

27. All elections shall be by ballot, and immediately after the passing of this Act, the Governor in Council shall direct a sufficient number of strong urns or boxes with keys to be made of some durable material, each with a convenient aperture for depositing the ballots therein, and of securing them from loss or interference when the polls close, and by Warrant on the Treasury defray the expense incurred thereby, and furnish the respective Clerks of the Peace, or Municipality in incorporated Counties, with the number required for the different polls in each County; and they shall be kept under the control of the Council or General Sessions of the County, as other County property, subject to the use thereof by the Sheriff for the purpose of election. If any of the boxes are lost, or additional polling places established, new boxes shall be provided at the expense of the County.

28. The Sheriff shall at every election appoint by precept a sufficient number of officers to preside at the polls and superintend the balloting in the different districts, and also a sufficient number of Clerks. The precept shall be as follows, to be varied to suit the several officers:—

To ———

B. W., Esquire, Sheriff of \_\_\_\_\_ sends Greeting.

Having received the Queen's Writ for the Election of persons duly qualified to represent the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in General Assembly; I appoint you, C. D. of \_\_\_\_\_ to take and preside at the poll to be held for \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, and require you immediately after the polling, to make return thereof with this Precept according to law.—Given under my hand and seal at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_.

B. W. [L.S.]

29. The Sheriff shall furnish the presiding officer of every polling place with a ballot box and a true copy of the Register of Electors of the district for which he is appointed, and the presiding officer at the Court House with a true copy of the non-resident electors of the County, legibly written; he shall also furnish the Clerk appointed for every polling place with a suitable book properly ruled for a check list.

30. If the copy of the Register furnished to any presiding officer is lost or destroyed before the polling, so late that another cannot be procured from the Sheriff in time for the polling, he may apply to the Town Clerk for his copy, who shall furnish the same to him for the polling.

31. The Sheriff shall before the polling cause booths to be erected, or procure suitable buildings for taking the poll; and on the day of the polling the presiding officer shall post up the names of the Candidates in large letters in the order of their nomination, on a conspicuous part of the polling booth.

32. The presiding officer at every polling place shall at the opening of the poll read aloud the names of the Candidates, and before he receives any votes, subscribe the following oath:—

'I, A. B., do swear that I have not received any sum of money, office, employment, or gratuity, or any bond, bill, or note, or any promise of gratuity by myself or another, to my use or advantage, for making any return at this Election, and that I will faithfully discharge my duty at the Election to the best of my knowledge and judgment,\* and I will return to the Sheriff the ballot box secured and unopened, with the ballots contained therein in the same condition as when deposited by the electors.'

And every Clerk shall, before the polling commences, take an oath in the same form down to the asterisk, with the addition of these words, 'and I will truly enter the names of the electors in the check list, and faithfully assist the presiding officer in the conduct of the Election at the polling place I have been appointed to act as Clerk;' which oaths may be administered by a Justice, or any two electors of the County, and shall be entered in the book which contains the check list.

33. The Sheriff may preside at any polling place without taking any additional oath, and the Clerk who shall have been sworn at the day of the opening of the Election, may assist the Sheriff or other presiding officer at the poll taken at the County Court House, or in any other proceeding in the Election until the final close of the poll and return, without taking any other oath.

34. Before any vote is taken the presiding officer and Clerk shall open the ballot box, and in the presence of the candidates, their agents, and the electors, openly and publicly examine the same, and ascertain that it is empty.

35. The resident electors shall vote in the district in which they are registered; the non-residents at the Court House or building used therefor in the Shire Town, unless they have selected another polling district. Before any elector is permitted to vote, he shall state his name and residence; the Clerk shall, under the direction of the presiding officer, enter his name on the check list, and the presiding officer must find it on the register, mark it, and be satisfied that his vote is single, and deposit the same in the ballot without reading. Every ballot shall have the names of the persons voted for written or printed on white paper. The officer presiding at any poll shall state the names of the candidates to any elector requiring it who is coming to vote.

36. Every elector before he shall be admitted to vote shall, if required by the presiding officer, candidate, or his agent, or an elector, take the oaths following, or either of them, to be administered to him by the presiding officer, that is to say:—

'I, A. B., do swear that I am qualified to vote at this Election, I reside at \_\_\_\_\_, that I am the person named in the register, and that I have not given my vote before at this Election.—So help me God.'

Also the following:—

'I, A. B., do swear that I have not received by myself or another, or any person in trust for me, or to my use, directly or indirectly, any sum of money, office, place or employment, gift or reward, or any promise or security for any money, office, or employment, or gift, in order to give my vote at this Election.—So help me God.'

37. And every Sheriff or presiding officer who shall on request, neglect or refuse to administer either of the said oaths, shall for every offence forfeit the sum of fifty pounds.

38. If any person shall fraudulently vote at any Election by personating any elector, or being qualified, shall vote more than once at any Election, for every offence any such person shall forfeit the sum of ten pounds, and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff to prosecute therefor.

39. If the Sheriff dies any time after issuing the notice for the Election, and before the termination thereof, his Deputy shall finish the Election; and if any presiding officer die, or become incapacitated from sickness, or do not perform the duty, the Poll Clerk shall act in his stead, appoint his Poll Clerk, and finish the Election. If the Poll Clerk become incapacitated,