

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161MM.

303. It shall be the duty of the said board of supervisors of election to provide for each of the polling places, two books for the use of the election clerks in keeping the account of the votes; said books shall be in the form now in use for the purpose, except that they shall have in addition at least one parallel column in the left hand margin, in which it shall be the duty of the election clerks to place numbers consecutively against the name of each voter whose vote shall be recorded and placed in the ballot box, so that the voters who have voted shall be numbered one, the next two, and so on to the end.

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304. It shall be the duty of the said board of supervisors of elections at the same time and in the same manner that they make the appointment of judges of election, and from persons having the same qualifications as those prescribed by law for said judges, to appoint two ballot clerks for each ward; each one of the said supervisors of elections shall have a vote upon the purposed selection or nomination of any election clerk, and if in any instance in consequence of such vote the board cannot agree upon such appointment, then the names of three persons who are eligible shall be submitted for selection for election clerks by the supervisor or supervisors of elections belonging to the leading political party entitled to be represented by such election clerk, and out of said three names the other supervisor or supervisors representing the other leading political party of the State, shall select the name of such election clerk, if otherwise eligible, who, when so selected, shall be appointed the ballot-clerk and shall serve, unless removed by said board of supervisors of election so there shall be two ballot-clerks for each voting place, and said ballot-clerks shall hold their office for the same period as the judges of election; and one of the said ballot-clerks shall be selected from each of the two different parties which polled the largest number of votes at the last preceding general election; the compensation of the ballot clerks shall be the same as that of judges of election; before proceeding to act, they shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, if they be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, in the following: "I will not attempt to ascertain, save in cases and in the manner in which I am authorized by law to do, for what candidate or candidates any person shall vote or have voted, or how any person shall vote or has voted on any question which may be or may have been submitted to the vote of the people of Hagers-town, and if such knowledge shall be acquired by me in the performance of my duty, I will not directly or indirectly by word or act divulge or reveal the same, or aid in doing so, save when I may be required to do so by law in some legal proceedings, and I will in all things faithfully execute the duties of my office of ballot-clerk according to the best of my knowledge, without favor or partiality, so help me God"; the obligation to serve as such ballot-clerks, and the penalty for refusal to serve shall be the same as provided by law in regard to judges of election in like case;