

observe the election, including the counting of votes, but they shall not interfere with voters or inspectors by word or act. In the absence or refusal to act of any of the inspectors or clerks of election, the inspector or inspectors present at the polling place at the time appointed for opening the polls shall choose from the qualified electors present such a number as, together with the inspector or inspectors present, is necessary to constitute a board of three inspectors and a clerk. Said inspectors and clerk shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, which shall be written or printed, that they will well and truly perform the duties of inspector (or clerk, as the case may be) of election, and will endeavor to prevent all fraud, deceit or abuse in conducting the said election. Such oath may be taken before any officer authorized to administer an oath, or before any one of the inspectors, and the same shall be returned with the poll list and the returns to the election commissioners. Said board of inspectors shall choose a chairman, and all questions shall be decided by a majority.

Oath to be taken by inspectors.

SEC. 82. There shall be in each and every election district of said city a polling place, presided over and managed by the board of inspectors and clerk of election of said district, which shall be the polling place for the election of the elective officers of said city; at each of such polling places a space or enclosure, such as the board of election commissioners shall deem fit and sufficient, shall be railed off, boarded up or otherwise constructed, with an opening at one end or side for the entrance of the voter and an opening at the other for his exit, as a polling place in which to hold the election. But one voter shall be allowed to enter any polling place at a time, for each election booth, and no one except the inspectors of election shall be allowed to speak to the voter while in the polling place casting his vote, and no inspector shall speak to or interfere with any voter concerning the manner of his voting or any ballot he may vote, otherwise than to perform his duties as such inspector specified herein; Provided, That the ballot box shall at all times be kept in full view of the public during the election and until the ballots have been canvassed.

Polling place. Sec. 8, Ch. 4498.

Proviso.

SEC. 83. The polls shall be opened at such voting places at 8 o'clock a. m. on the day of election, and shall be kept open until sundown of the same day, the time to be observed for such opening and closing of the polls to be regulated by the customary time in standard use in said city. The inspectors may, however, adjourn between 12 and 1 o'clock for half an hour. The inspectors shall make public proclamation of the opening and closing of the polls, and the mid-day adjournment. During the adjournment the ballot box shall be kept in the possession of, and in view

Opening and closing polls. Sec. 9, Ch. 4498.