

(3) The presiding officer shall, with the ballot boxes and papers aforesaid, transmit or deliver to the returning officer, in the envelope provided for that purpose, the keys of such ballot boxes.

75. (1) Each returning officer, upon receipt by him of each of the ballot boxes, shall take every precaution for its safe keeping and for preventing any person other than himself from having access thereto, sealing it under his own seal so that it cannot be opened without the seal being broken but without effacing or covering any other seals thereto affixed. The count.

(2) After all the ballot boxes have been received they shall be opened for the count of votes and in the presence of such of the candidates or their agents, and if the candidates or any of them are absent, then in presence of such as are present, and of at least two voters if none of the candidates is represented, by the returning officer, and the returning officer shall—

(a) record and count the number of votes given to each candidate (allowing the candidates and their agents full opportunity to see such votes but not the official number on the back of the ballot paper). A poll clerk and not less than two witnesses shall be supplied with tally sheets upon which they may keep their own score as each vote is called out by the returning officer;

(b) reject all ballot papers—

(i) which have not been marked for any candidate;

(ii) on which votes have been given for more candidates than there are seats to be filled;

(iii) upon which there is any writing or mark by which the voter could be identified, but no ballot paper shall be rejected on account of any writing, number or mark placed thereon by any presiding officer.