

(3) If in the course of counting the votes any ballot paper is found with the counterfoil still attached thereto, the returning officer shall (carefully concealing the numbers thereon from all persons present and without examining them himself) remove such counterfoil. He shall not reject the ballot paper merely by reason of the failure of the presiding officer to remove the counterfoil.

(4) If in the course of counting the votes the returning officer discovers that the presiding officer has omitted to affix his initials to any ballot paper as provided by subsection (1) of section 69, he shall, in the presence of a poll clerk and such of the candidates or their counting agents, affix his initials to such ballot paper and shall count such ballot paper as if it had been initialled by the presiding officer in the first place, provided that he is satisfied that the ballot paper is one that has been supplied by the presiding officer, and also that every ballot paper supplied to such presiding officer has been accounted for as provided by paragraph (e) of subsection (1) of section 74.

(5) The returning officer shall keep a record on the special form printed in the poll book of every objection made by any candidate or his counting agent or any voter present, to any ballot paper found in a ballot box, and shall decide every question arising out of the objection. The decision of the returning officer shall be final, subject to reversal on petition questioning the election or return; and every such objection shall be numbered, and a corresponding number placed on the back of the ballot paper and initialled by the returning officer.

(6) All the ballot papers not rejected by the returning officer shall be counted and a list shall be kept of the number of votes given to each candidate and of the number of rejected ballot papers. The ballot papers which respectively indicate the votes given for each candidate shall be put into separate envelopes; all rejected ballot papers shall be put into a special envelope and all such envelopes