

counted, as well as the two before mentioned packages of "spoiled," "not voted," "rejected" and "defective" ballots, shall be placed in the ballot box, and the ballot box shall then be locked and the key removed, whereupon the judges of election shall all write their names upon a strip of paper of sufficient length for the following purposes. Said strip of paper shall then be pasted over the keyhole of said ballot box and over the slit in the lid, in such manner that the signatures shall extend across the place of the opening of the lid, and so that when the box is opened it will tear the paper and destroy the signatures, and so that when the key is inserted in the keyhole it will tear the paper so pasted over the keyhole. Such paper shall be securely fastened to the box with sealing wax or some other adhesive material.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270LLL. 1918 Code, sec. 414.

389. Thereupon, after the proceedings set forth in the preceding section in each precinct, one of the judges, who is also an officer of registration, who shall be designated beforehand by the Supervisors of Elections, shall take charge of the ballot box and its contents so enclosed, and the other judge, who is also an officer of registration, shall receive and hold the key thereof, and the package of unused ballots sealed up by said judges. Each of said two judges shall take into his possession one of the registers, and also one of the statements of the votes cast, sealed up in its envelope, as aforesaid, and also one of the tally-sheets, sealed up in an envelope, as aforesaid, and the meeting of the judges and clerks shall then be dissolved. Before twelve o'clock noon of the second day after said election, the two judges so having custody thereof shall deliver said ballot boxes, keys, packages of unused ballots, registers, statements of votes cast and tally sheets to the proper officers, as hereinbefore prescribed; and shall take receipts for the same. It shall be the duty of the Supervisors of Election in said city to attend at their office on the days named for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this section.

1898, ch. 2, sec. 270MMM. 1918 Code, sec. 415.

390. The Board of Supervisors of Elections, upon receiving a ballot box and a key thereof, shall note the condition of the seal or stamp on each box, and make an entry of the facts touching the same in a book to be kept by them, together with the name of the officer who delivered the box. They shall deliver all the ballot boxes so sealed, as aforesaid, to the City Register of said city, who shall put them in a secure place, to which the public shall in no case have access, and shall safely keep them for the space of six months from the day of such delivery, at which time, unless previously notified to produce the same to be used in evidence in some contested election or judicial or legislative investigation then pending, the said Board of Supervisors shall in the presence of the Board of Aldermen destroy said ballots and poll books, also all of the said tallies including those delivered to the Mayor of said city, and shall record in the same book a certificate of the fact, signed by judge or judges.