

nee, it shall be stated in the ballot, but if there shall have been a nomination by a party convention or lawful primary election claiming the same party name for the same office, duly certified as provided in this article, the word "Independent" shall precede the party name of the person or persons nominated by nomination papers, if the same party name shall be claimed on behalf of nominations made by more than one convention or primary election, and duly certified in point of form under the provisions of this article, the officers by whom the ballot is to be prepared, or a majority of them, shall determine which nominees are justly entitled to the party designation and the word "Independent" shall precede the party name with respect to the other nominees; then shall be left below the list of candidates for each different office a blank space in which the voter may insert in writing or otherwise the name of any person not printed on the ballot for whom he may desire to vote as a candidate for such office; whenever a question is submitted to the vote of the people, such question shall be printed upon the ballot after the list of candidates, with the words "For" or "Against," the ballots shall be so printed as to give to each voter a clear opportunity to designate by a cross mark (X) in a sufficient margin at the right of the name of each candidate, and of each submitted question his choice of candidates and his answer to the submitted question, and each voter shall be considered as having voted for such candidate or proposition opposite to whose name or to which he shall on the margin to the right put a cross mark (X), the ballots shall be printed with black ink on clear white paper; before being distributed the ballots shall be so folded in marked creases that the width and length of the ballots when folded shall be uniform, and of proper width to be placed without difficulty in the ballot boxes provided by law, on the back and outside shall be printed the words "Official Ballot For," followed by the designation of the following place for which it is prepared, the date of the election, and a fac-simile of the signature of the president or presiding officer of the board of supervisors of elections by whom the ballot has been prepared.

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161CC.

293. Any person whose name has been presented as a candidate for any office may cause his name to be withdrawn from nomination by request in writing, signed by him and acknowledged before an officer qualified to take acknowledgments of deeds, filed with the said board of supervisors, and no name so withdrawn shall be printed upon the ballots.

1892, ch. 55, sec. 161DD.

294. All ballots when presented shall be folded as hereinbefore provided, and fastened together in convenient numbers in packages, blocks or books, in such a manner that each ballot may be detached and removed separately, a record of the number of ballots printed and furnished for each polling-place shall be kept and preserved by the said board of supervisors of election, said record shall be retained in their office for six months after each election, with reference to which it was made and shall