

the duty of the judges, and each of them, to exhibit to such watchers or challenger any envelope and any ballot cast, fully open or in such manner or condition that he may examine the same, but the judges shall not allow any ballot to be taken from their hands as the envelopes are opened; each shall be strung upon strong twine or wire, and likewise the ballots, as counted, shall also be strung.

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SEC. 15. *And be it enacted,* That upon the completion of the counts and the announcement of the result, the poll books, oaths, tally sheets and ballots cast and counted shall be placed in the ballot box, together with a package containing the ballots not counted by reason of the defects as aforesaid, marked "defective," and the ballot box shall then be locked, and the key removed; thereupon 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 signature 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 it will tear the paper so pasted over the keyhole; such paper shall be securely fastened with sealing wax, or some other adhesive material, and said box shall not be re-opened until at a meeting of the governing body of the party holding said primary election hereinafter provided for.

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SEC. 16. *And be it enacted,* That upon sealing the ballot box as in Section 15 of this Act as provided, the same, together with the primary election registration book or register, shall be delivered to and taken charge of by the return judge for each election district, who shall carefully guard and present the same to the meeting of the governing body to be held in the court house in said county at 11 o'clock A. M. on Tuesday next succeeding the date of such primary election; and after the returns shall have been canvassed and the results shall have been announced by the governing body of the party holding such primary election, as in the next succeeding paragraphs of this Act provided, it shall be the duty of the returning judge of each election district to deliver said ballot box and primary election register to the clerk of the board of election supervisors of said county.

Return judge
to take
charge of
ballot box.