

for filling out and signing the certificates on the outside of the ballot envelope have been substantially complied with, and that the person signing the voter's certificate is a duly qualified voter and entitled to vote under this Act in any precinct or election district of their respective county or city and has not already voted there in person on election day, they shall open the ballot envelope and remove the ballot therefrom and place it in a ballot box or ballot boxes prepared for that purpose. When any ballot envelope is opened the Supervisors of Elections shall enter in the appropriate register the fact that the voter whose name appears thereon has voted, and such entry shall be the initials "V. M." to indicate that the vote has been by mail. If there be more than one ballot in the ballot envelope all shall be rejected. At primary elections the ballot shall not be counted unless it is a ballot of the political party with which the voter is affiliated. Ballots printed "Mail Ballots" may be marked by any kind of pencil or ink.

227. When all the ballots have been voted as aforesaid the Supervisors of Elections shall proceed to canvass and count the same in accordance with the provisions relating to the canvass and count of votes in such city or county by judges and clerks of elections. The Supervisors of Elections shall appoint such clerks as may be necessary to keep the tallies for each precinct or district in which ballots are counted and canvassed by them, and the tallies and the returns shall all be transmitted to the Board of Canvassers as hereinafter provided. The Supervisors of Elections upon completing the count shall make the statements or returns of the result as required to be made by judges of elections for every precinct or election district in which mail ballots have been counted, and at the end of such return shall sign a certificate that the same is correct in all respects. If any Supervisor shall decline to sign such return the same action shall be taken by him as is required to be taken by a judge of election in a similar case.

The Supervisors of Elections shall then proceed to sit as a Board of Canvassers, shall canvass the returns made by them of mail ballots counted by them as aforesaid and shall canvass and add up such votes in the total of votes canvassed and counted by them. The Board of Canvassers shall not conclude the canvass of votes at any election until after the time for counting and canvassing votes by mail as aforesaid shall have expired and until such mail ballots as they shall receive from the Supervisors of Elections shall be counted and canvassed as