

17 poll officers shall be designated by the chief manager to count and tally each party's ballot.
18 Where the same ballot box is being used by one or more parties, the ballots and stubs shall
19 first be divided by party before being tallied and counted. The ballots shall then be counted
20 one by one and a record made of the total number. Then the chief manager, together with
21 such assistant managers and other poll officers as the chief manager may designate, under
22 the scrutiny of one of the assistant managers and in the presence of the other poll officers,
23 shall read aloud the names of the candidates marked or written upon each ballot, together
24 with the office for which the person named is a candidate, and the answers contained on
25 the ballots to the questions submitted, if any; and the other assistant manager and clerks
26 shall carefully enter each vote as read and keep account of the same in ink on a sufficient
27 number of tally papers, all of which shall be made at the same time. All ballots, after being
28 removed from the box, shall be kept within the unobstructed view of all persons in the
29 voting room until replaced in the box. No person, while handling the ballots, shall have
30 in his or her hand any pencil, pen, stamp, or other means of marking or spoiling any ballot.
31 The poll officers shall immediately proceed to canvass and compute the votes cast and shall
32 not adjourn or postpone the canvass or computation until it shall have been fully
33 completed, ~~except that, in the discretion of the superintendent, the poll officers may stop~~
34 ~~the counting after all contested races and questions are counted, provided that the results~~
35 ~~of these contested races and questions are posted for the information of the public outside~~
36 ~~the polling place and the ballots are returned to the ballot box and deposited with the~~
37 ~~superintendent until counting is resumed on the following day."~~

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SECTION 2.

39 Said chapter is further amended in Code Section 21-2-483, relating to counting of ballots,
40 public accessibility to tabulating center and precincts, execution of ballot recap forms, and
41 preparation of duplicate ballots, by adding new subsections to read as follows:

42 "(i) After the time for the closing of the polls and the last elector voting, the poll officials
43 in each precinct shall complete the required accounting and related documentation for the
44 precinct and shall advise the election superintendent of the total number of ballots cast at
45 such precinct and the total number of provisional ballots cast. In precincts using
46 precinct-based counting or tabulation, the poll officials shall proceed to count and tabulate
47 the ballots cast. Such poll officials shall not cease such count until all ballots have been
48 counted or tabulated and vote totals obtained, with the exception of provisional ballots.
49 The chief manager and at least one assistant manager shall post a copy of the tabulated
50 results for the precinct on the door of the precinct and then immediately deliver all required
51 documentation and election materials to the election superintendent. In precincts using
52 central counting or tabulation, the chief manager and at least one assistant manager shall,
53 after completing the required accounting and related documentation for such precinct,
54 immediately deliver all ballots and required documentation and election materials to the
55 election superintendent or to the counting and tabulating center designated by the election
56 superintendent for processing, counting, and tabulation. The election superintendent shall
57 then ensure that such ballots are processed, counted, and tabulated as soon as possible and
58 shall not cease such count and tabulation until all such ballots are counted and tabulated.
59 (j) The election superintendent shall ensure that each precinct notifies the election
60 superintendent of the number of ballots cast and number of provisional ballots cast as soon
61 as possible after the time for the closing of the polls and the last elector votes. The election
62 superintendent shall post such information publicly."

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SECTION 3.

64 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.