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OF THE

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PUBLIC LAWS

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Chapter 6.

An Act to amend Section twenty-four of Chapter one hundred and two, Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, as amended by Chapter two hundred and sixty-seven, Public Laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three, relating to providing for the printing and distributing ballots at the public expense and regulating voting for State and City Elections.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 24, chapter 102, public laws of 1891, as amended by chapter 267, laws of 1895, further amended.

—voter may place stickers on and over name of any candidates.

Section twenty-four of chapter one hundred and two, public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, as amended by chapter two hundred and sixty-seven, public laws of eighteen hundred and ninety-three is hereby amended by inserting in the twelfth line thereof, after the word "choice" the words: 'Or if the voter places and sticks on and over the name or names of any candidate or candidates for any office or offices, a small strip or strips of paper, commonly known as a sticker or stickers, bearing thereon a name or names other than the name or names of the candidate or candidates so erased or covered up, the name or names of such candidate or candidates so covered shall be considered to be erased from the ballot, and the person or persons whose name or names shall so appear on such strip or strips of paper so placed and stuck on the ballot, shall be deemed to be voted for by the voter as candidate or candidates for such office or offices.' So that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

How voter shall prepare his ballot.

—may erase any name and fill in, etc.

—may place stickers over names.

'Section 24. On receipt of his ballot the voter shall forthwith, and without leaving the enclosed space, retire alone to one of the voting shelves or compartments so provided, and shall prepare his ballot by marking in the appropriate margin or place, a cross (X) as follows: He may place such mark within the square above the name of the party group or ticket, in which case he shall be deemed to have voted for all the persons named in the group under such party or designation. And if the voter shall desire to vote for any person or persons, whose name or names are not printed as candidates on the party group or ticket, he may erase any name or names which are printed on the group or party ticket, and under the name or names so erased he may fill in the name or names of the candidates of his choice. Or if the voter places and sticks on and over the name or names of any candidate or candidates for any office or offices, a small strip or strips of paper, commonly known as a sticker or stickers, bearing thereon a name or names other than the name or names of the candidate or candidates so erased or covered up, the name or names of such candidate or candidates so covered shall be considered to be erased from the ballot, and the person or persons

whose name or names shall so appear on such strip or strips of paper so placed and stuck on the ballot, shall be deemed to be voted for by the voter as candidate or candidates for such office or offices. Or if the voter does not desire to vote for a person or persons whose name or names are printed upon the party group or ticket, he may erase such name or names with the effect that the ballot shall not be counted for the candidate or candidates whose names are so erased. In case of a question submitted to the vote of the people he shall place such mark in the appropriate margin above the answer which he desires to give. Before leaving the voting shelf or compartment, the voter shall fold his ballot without displaying the marks thereon, in the same way it was folded when received by him, and he shall keep the same so folded until he has voted. He shall vote in the manner now provided by law before leaving the enclosed space, and shall deposit his ballot in the box with the official endorsement uppermost. He shall mark and deposit his ballot without undue delay and shall quit said enclosed space as soon as he has voted. No such voter shall be allowed to occupy a voting shelf or compartment already occupied by another, or to remain within said enclosed space more than ten minutes, or to occupy a voting shelf or compartment for more than five minutes in case all of such shelves or compartments are in use, and other voters are waiting to occupy the same. No voter not an election officer or an election clerk, whose name has been checked on the list of the ballot clerks, shall be allowed to re-enter said enclosed space during said election. The presiding election officer or officers, for the time being, shall secure the observance of the provisions of this section.'

—may erase such name with the effect that the ballot shall not be counted.

—manner of voting.

—shall mark and deposit ballot without undue delay.

—time voter may occupy compartment.

—no voter shall re-enter enclosed space.

Approved February 11, 1903.

Chapter 7.

An Act to fix the salary of the Judge of Probate for Hancock County.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

Section 1. On and after the first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and three, the salary of the judge of probate for Hancock county shall be thirteen hundred dollars a year instead of the sum now established by law.

Section 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Salary of judge of probate for Hancock county, established.

Approved February 11, 1903.