

for polling, to be provided at each polling-place. Each poll clerk shall have with him at the polling place, an authenticated copy of the register for that district of the city, burgh, or town, alphabetically arranged, as the act directs, according to which copy the votes shall be taken.

Every voter shall poll at the polling-place of the district within which the premises or any of them in respect of which he claims to vote may be situate. § 27.

No poll at any election, shall begin on a Saturday, nor shall be kept open for more than two consecutive days, and that only between the hours of *nine in the morning* and *four in the afternoon* for the *first* day, and between the hours of *eight in the morning* and *four of the afternoon* for the *second* day. The poll at any one place may be closed before the termination of the said two days, if all the candidates or their agents and the sheriff shall agree in so closing it.

Where the proceedings at any election shall be obstructed by any riot or open violence, the sheriff, or his substitute at the place where the riot has occurred, may adjourn the poll at that place to the following day or some other convenient time, and if necessary, may repeat such adjournment till such obstruction shall have ceased, he always giving notice to the sheriff who is to make the return of such adjournment having been made; and any day where the poll shall have been so adjourned at any polling-places shall not be reckoned one of the two days of polling, nor shall the state of the poll be finally declared, nor the result of the election proclaimed, until the poll so interrupted shall be closed and transmitted to the sheriff who is to make the return.

The sheriff in charge of each polling-place shall take care that the attending clerk at the place has with him a certified copy of the aforesaid alphabetical register, and the sheriff shall receive the votes of all persons then qualified to vote, and record and progressively number each vote for each candidate in a poll-book, and he and the clerk shall subscribe their names to each page of the said book before making or allowing to be made any entry in the succeeding page.

The poll-book or books shall at the close of the first day's polling be publicly sealed up by the said acting sheriff and poll clerk, and be taken charge of by the said sheriff, and on the commencement of the poll of the second day he shall publicly break the seals, and then proceed as formerly; and immediately after the poll at his polling-place is finally closed, the officiating sheriff shall forthwith seal up and transmit or deliver the said poll-books to the sheriff to whom the writ has been directed, and by whom the return is to be made. § 32.

4. *The Return.*

The sheriff to whom the said poll-books have been transmitted or delivered, shall on the day next but one after the close of the poll (unless such day shall be Sunday, and then on the Monday following,) openly break the seals of the said poll-books, cast up the number of