

ber and amount of deposits of two hundred dollars and less, of one hundred dollars and less, and of fifty dollars and less, respectively; also the number and amount of deposits held by women, by guardians, in trust, and by charitable associations, respectively.

Approved April 29, 1879.

Chap. 286

AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE PURITY OF ELECTIONS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Ballots not to be marked.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful at any election for the choice of any national, state, district, county, city or town officers to mark the ballot of any voter, or to deliver to any voter such marked ballot for the purpose of ascertaining how he shall vote at such election.

To be of plain white paper.

SECTION 2. All ballots used at any such election shall be of plain white paper, in weight equal to that of ordinary printing paper, without any impression, device or mark whatsoever to distinguish one ballot from another in appearance, except the names of the several candidates and of their residences, words designating the several offices to be filled, and words at the head of the ballot, all of which shall be written or printed with black ink; and in case the names of candidates are printed upon any ballot, the same shall be in letters of a uniform size.

To be printed with black ink.

Size of ballot.

Each ballot having the names of more than three candidates thereon shall be four and a half inches in width, or within one-fourth of an inch of such width, and twelve inches in length, or within a half of an inch of such length. And it shall be unlawful for any person to print for distribution at the polls, or distribute to any voter, or cast any ballot, printed or written, contrary to the provisions of this act: *provided*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the erasure, correction, or insertion of any name, by pencil mark or otherwise, upon the face of the printed ballot, or authorize the rejection of any ballot, after it has been received into the ballot box, for any want of conformity with the requirements of this act.

Proviso.

Names, in letters less than one-half the size in which a majority are printed, not to be counted.

SECTION 3. In the counting of the ballots at any such election, the name of any candidate printed upon any ballot in letters less than one-half the size of the letters in which a majority of the names of candidates on the same ballot are printed shall not be counted nor be held to be of any effect whatever.

Penalties.

SECTION 4. Any person or persons offending against sections one and two of this act shall be deemed guilty of

a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof before any court of competent jurisdiction, shall be fined in a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars, and imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding sixty days.

SECTION 5. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Repeal.

Approved April 29, 1879.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSIONERS, AND TO LIMIT THE COMPENSATION OF THEIR ACCOUNTANT.

Chap. 287

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The annual salary of the chairman of the board of railroad commissioners shall be four thousand dollars, and of the remaining members of said board thirty-five hundred dollars each, and that of the clerk of the board of railroad commissioners shall be two thousand dollars; and the compensation allowed to the accountant, authorized under section three of chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, shall not exceed two thousand dollars per year.

Salaries
established.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of May of the present year.

To take effect
May 1, 1879.

Approved April 30, 1879.

AN ACT TO FIX THE SALARIES OF THE DEPUTY TAX COMMISSIONER AND COMMISSIONER OF CORPORATIONS, AND THE PERSONS EMPLOYED IN HIS DEPARTMENT.

Chap. 288

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

SECTION 1. The salary of the deputy tax commissioner and commissioner of corporations shall be twenty-seven hundred and fifty dollars a year, and at the same rate for any part of a year, and the same shall be in full compensation for the duties of both offices.

Salary of
deputy tax
commissioner.

SECTION 2. There may be employed in the office of the deputy tax commissioner and commissioner of corporations two permanent clerks; the first at a salary of eighteen hundred dollars a year, the second at a salary of thirteen hundred dollars a year, and at the same rate for any part of a year. There may also be employed in said office such additional clerks and other assistance as may be necessary for the despatch of public business, at an expense not exceeding eleven thousand dollars a year: *provided*, that no such clerk or assistant shall receive compensation or salary at a rate of exceeding one thou-

Salaries of
clerks.