

2. Seven clear days, at least, before the day of the meeting the Summoning Officer shall publish a notice, stating that a requisition has been received by him requiring him to call a meeting of the ratepayers of the Parish of (*name it*) for the purpose of passing a Resolution that it is expedient that a School Board should be formed for the united Parishes of (*name them*) and that the said Parishes should be united accordingly, and that a meeting of the ratepayers of the Parish of *will* accordingly be held at some convenient time and place (to be specified in such notice), for the purpose of considering such Resolution.

3. Every person who, at the time of the meeting, is entitled to vote in the Election of members of a School Board for the Parish, shall be entitled to be present and to vote at such meeting, and every such ratepayer shall have one vote only.

4. At the time and place so specified some person chosen at the meeting shall take the Chair, and any such ratepayer, as aforesaid, may propose such Resolution as aforesaid, to be seconded by some other such ratepayer as aforesaid.

5. If no such Resolution is proposed and seconded at the time and place aforesaid, or if the same is withdrawn or negatived, the Chairman shall declare the Resolution to have been negatived, and shall publish notice thereof. The Resolution may at any time, before the taking of the poll, be withdrawn by the two ratepayers who proposed and seconded the same; and in such case no further proceedings shall be taken in respect of the poll.

6. If the Resolution, duly proposed and seconded, is carried, and no demand for a poll is made, the Chairman shall declare the Resolution to have been passed and shall publish notice thereof.

7. Any ten of such ratepayers as aforesaid may make demand in writing, to be delivered to the said Chairman at the meeting, that a poll be taken on such Resolution, and the same shall be taken, unless the major part of such ratepayers so signing the writing withdraw the same by notice in writing to the Chairman at the meeting or to the Summoning Officer after the meeting, who shall publish notice thereof.

8. If a poll be taken the Summoning Officer shall fix the day of taking the poll, which shall not be less than ten clear days after the day fixed for such meeting as aforesaid, and the said Officer shall publish notice thereof.

9. The Summoning Officer shall determine the number and situation of the polling stations, and for this purpose may cause any Parish to be divided into polling districts. The said Officer shall cause the boundaries of such districts and the number and situation of the polling stations to be published not less than *three* clear days before the day fixed for the polling.

The Summoning Officer shall provide everything which in the case of a Municipal Election is required to be provided by the Mayor for the purpose of a poll.

No public-house shall be used as a polling place.

10. If the parish is divided into polling-districts, each voter shall give his vote in the polling-district in which the property in respect of which he is entitled to vote is situate, and if such property is situate in more than one district, in any one of the districts in which it is situate.

11. The Summoning Officer or some person or persons appointed by him shall preside at each polling station, provided that only one person shall preside at the same time.

12. The poll shall commence at such an hour not earlier than eight A.M., and close at such an hour not later than eight P.M., as shall be fixed by the Summoning Officer, but the poll shall be open for seven hours and no more.

13. Subject to the provisions of this Order, the poll shall be conducted in like manner, so far as circumstances admit, as a poll at a contested Municipal Election is directed by "The Ballot Act, 1872," to be conducted; and subject as aforesaid the provisions of that Act shall apply to the voting, for or against the Resolution, Provided that:

a. The Ballot Paper shall be in the form annexed to this Order, and the cross indicating assent to, or dissent from, the Resolution, shall be placed opposite the word "For," or the word "Against," as the case may be, and the form of directions, for the guidance of the voter in voting, shall be altered accordingly.

b. Every voter shall be entitled to one vote.

c. The "Returning Officer" shall mean the Summoning Officer hereinbefore mentioned.

d. The expression "Register of Voters" means the book containing the last rate made for the Parish, more than one month previously to the date of the requisition hereinbefore mentioned.

e. The provisions of sections three, four, eleven, and twenty-four of "The Ballot Act, 1872," shall be deemed to be regulations contained in this Order which involve a penalty within the meaning of section ninety of "The Elementary Education Act, 1870."

14. The person presiding at the poll may, and if required by any two voters shall, put to any voter at the time of his applying for a Ballot Paper, but not afterwards, the following questions, or one of them, but no other:—

(1.) Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. in the Book containing the Rate made on the *day of* and rated therein for the property described as

(*Specify date and property in Rate Book.*)

(2.) Have you already voted on this occasion?

And no person required to answer any of the said questions shall be permitted or qualified to vote until he has answered the same.

15. Any two persons on behalf of the supporters and any two persons on behalf of the opponents of the Resolution may be present at each polling station and at the counting of the votes.

If any dispute arises as to the persons who should be present, the Summoning Officer shall appoint two persons from among such supporters and two persons from among such opponents, and his decision shall be final.

16. In case of an equality of votes the Resolution shall be deemed to be rejected.

17. The result of the poll shall be published by the Summoning Officer.

18. The Summoning Officer shall keep the Ballot Papers and all other documents connected with the poll for six months subject to the directions of the Education Department, and shall then, unless otherwise ordered by the said Department, cause them to be destroyed.

19. Notices and other matters directed by this Order to be published shall be published in like manner as public notices are usually published in the Parish to which they relate.

20. The Summoning Officer shall be entitled to such reasonable expenses as may have been incurred by him, and to a reasonable remuneration for his services, to be paid by the Overseers. Provided that if any question should arise between the said Officer and the Overseers as to such expenses or remuneration, such question shall be referred to the Education Department, whose decision thereon shall be final and conclusive.