

AT the Council Chamber, Whitehall, the 27th day of October, 1870.

By the Lords of the Committee of the Privy Council on Education.

Their Lordships read, and approved, the following—

General Regulations for the First Election of School Boards in Boroughs.

THE number of Members of the School Board of a Borough shall be *from five to fifteen, as may be determined in each case.*

2. The Returning Officer shall be the Mayor of the Borough or a Deputy appointed under his hand.

3. The first election of Members of the School Board shall be held on some day to be fixed by the Returning Officer, and within 28 clear days after the date of the Requisition to elect a School Board, *which will be sent to the Mayor.*

4. *Fourteen* clear days at least before the day fixed for the election the Returning Officer shall prepare, sign, and publish, such notice of the election, as is hereinafter prescribed.

5. The notice shall specify the number of Members to be elected, with the day fixed for the election; and shall also specify a place for the reception of the nomination papers hereinafter mentioned.

The notice shall be in the form annexed to this order, or to the like effect.

6. After publication of the notice, but not less than *ten* clear days before the day fixed for the election, any two persons whose names are on the Burgess roll of a Borough may nominate any person as a candidate, by sending to, or delivering at, the appointed place, a nomination paper, subscribed by such two persons as aforesaid, and stating the Christian name and Surname, with the place of abode and description of each subscriber, and of the candidate nominated; and the Returning Officer shall send, forthwith, notice of such nomination to each candidate.

7. No nomination paper shall be received after four o'clock in the afternoon of the last day upon which such paper may be received, and no person shall be a candidate unless he has been nominated within the time and in the manner aforesaid.

8. *Eight* clear days before the day fixed for the election the names, places of abode and descriptions of the several candidates nominated as aforesaid shall be advertised by the Returning Officer in one or more of the newspapers circulating in the Borough, or shall be published in like manner as in the case of an election of Councillors.

9. After delivery of a nomination paper, but not less than *six* clear days before the day fixed for the election, any candidate may be withdrawn by delivering at the place appointed, a notice of such withdrawal, addressed to the Returning Officer, and signed by the candidate.

Such notice shall not be delivered later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

10. If no more persons are nominated as aforesaid than there are members to be elected, such persons shall be deemed to be elected, and the Returning Officer shall, on the day fixed for the election, publish a list of the names, with the places of abode and descriptions, of the persons so elected, and such publication shall be conclusive evidence of the election.

The Returning Officer shall forthwith transmit a copy of such list to the Education Department.

11. If after the time hereinbefore limited for the withdrawal of any candidate more persons remain as candidates than there are members to be elected, the Returning Officer shall forthwith publish the names, places of abode and descriptions of the candidates, and give notice that a poll will be taken on the day fixed for the election, between the hours specified in such notice.

12. The Returning Officer shall determine the number and situation of the polling places, and shall publish the same not less than *three* clear days before the day fixed for the election.

No public house shall be used for a [polling place, or for the purposes of an election.

13. If the Borough is divided into Wards, each voter shall give his vote in the Ward in which the property in respect of which he is entitled to vote is situate, and if it is situate in more than one Ward, he shall vote in such Ward as he selects.

14. The Returning Officer, or some person or persons appointed by him for this purpose, shall preside at each polling place.

15. The poll shall commence at such an hour, not earlier than 8 a.m., and close at such an hour, not later than 8 p.m., as shall be fixed by the Returning Officer, but the poll shall not be open for more than seven hours.

16. The poll shall be taken by each voter delivering an official voting paper (to be supplied by the Returning Officer), containing the Christian name and Surname of the candidate or candidates for whom he votes, with their respective places of abode and descriptions, and the number of votes he gives to each candidate, in accordance with Section 29 of the "Elementary Education Act, 1870," which provides that "every voter shall be entitled to a number of votes equal to the number of the members of the School Board to be elected, and may give all such votes to one candidate, or may distribute them among the candidates, as he thinks fit."

Such voting paper shall, before delivery, be signed with the name of the Burgess voting, and contain the name of the street, lane, or other place in which the property for which he appears to be rated on the Burgess roll is situated.

17. The person presiding at the poll may, and if required, by any two voters, shall put to any voter at the time of his voting, but not afterwards, the following questions, or one of them, but no other—

(1.) Are you the person whose name is signed as A.B. to the voting paper now delivered in by you?

(2.) Are you the person whose name appears as A.B. on the list of Burgesses, being registered therein as being rated for property described to be situated therein?

[Here specify the Street, &c., as described in the Burgess Roll.]

(3.) Have you already voted at the present Election?

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

18. At the close of any poll the person presiding at the poll shall, if he is not the Returning Officer, as soon as possible transmit the voting papers to the Returning Officer.

19. The Returning Officer shall forthwith proceed to examine the said voting papers, and, if