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BY THE GOVERNOR OF PUERTO RICO
A PROCLAMATION

Representation of the parties when the inspector
or the poll clerk of said party is not present

The following Resolution unanimously adopted by the Insular Board of Elections at a meeting held on October 27, 1952 is hereby approved.

"RESOLUTION

Representation of the parties when the inspector or the poll clerk of said party is not present.

WHEREAS, the spirit of the electoral legislation is and should be to guarantee the equality of all parties taking part in the electoral strife so that the results of the poll are clear of any suspicion of fraud and of any advantageous condition of one party over another parties;

WHEREAS, all parties represented in the Insular Board of Elections are inspired in the sound and clean purpose that the elections to be held the coming November 4, 1952 are to be characterized by the cleanness of the democratic procedures;

WHEREAS, such cleanness of procedures could not be accepted unless the provisions of the Election Law are implemented in the spirit of the same, which is the expression of the electoral will through a vote freely expressed and cleanly counted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that if a Poll Clerk of a party is absent, all the duties belonging to said official shall be performed by the Inspector of the party to which the absent official belongs and specially those relative to:

- 1- The material pertaining to the elections at the polling place. (Manual of Elections, page 6).
 - (a) The duty to count the ballots
 - (b) The duty to certify with his signature on the packages from which were removed the number of ballots received.
 - (c) To put the initials on the upper left angle on back of each and all of the received ballots.

- 2- The act of voting
 - (a) The voter, upon voting, is to put the corresponding mark on the line where his name appears in the voting list indicating that he has received the three voting ballots and that he has voted.
 - (b) In the closed-file polling places to call in a loud voice the voters who are in the poll files and allow them to enter for the purpose of voting according to the order in which their names appear in the voting list. (Manual, page 9)
 - (c) To collect the spoiled ballots returned by the voters and to return them with the unused material to the Insular Board of Elections (Manual, page 19).

3. Canvass

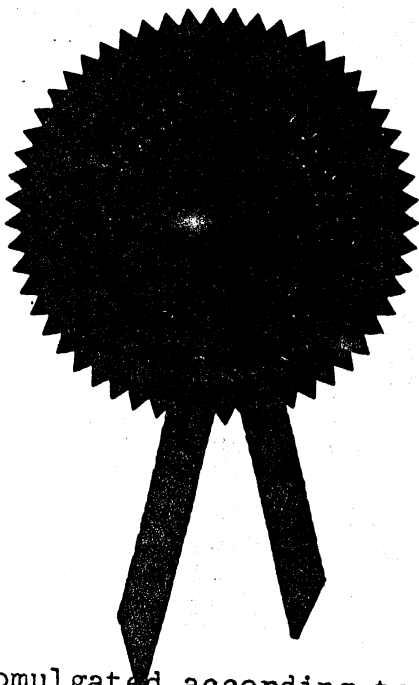
- (a) To act during the canvass at the closing of the polling place entering on a tally sheet the number of voters who have cast their votes as it shows in the voting list. (Manual, Page 21)
- (b) To keep an account of the total of protested ballots and to write in the column the protested votes and total number of said votes for each candidate. (Manual, page 27, last paragraph).
- (c) To verify the tally sheets with the other clerks and make sure that they agree in all its details. (Manual, page 28).
- (d) To certify the canvass signing all the copies of the tally sheets. (Manual, page 28).

4- Should a party be represented by the poll clerk but not by the inspector, in this case, the poll clerk shall perform all the duties which concern the inspector of the party to which he belongs.

5- When an inspector is also acting as poll clerk, as well as when a poll clerk also acts as inspector, the person performing the duties of both offices shall take an oath for both offices. If he has taken an oath as inspector he shall also take an oath as poll clerk, and if he has taken an oath as poll clerk he shall also take it as inspector; and in both cases the additional oath may be taken before an inspector or poll clerk who has already taken oath and who is installed in his office.

6- All the foregoing provisions shall be applied when only one inspector is present representing a party in a polling place, or only one poll clerk representing a party.

7- This Resolution shall take effect immediately after the date of its promulgation, as provided in Section 12 of the Election Law."



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have here-
unto set my hand and caused to
be affixed the Great Seal of
the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico,
at the City of San Juan, this
29th day of October, A. D. nine-
teen hundred and fifty-two.

(Sgd.) LUIS MUÑOZ MARIN
Governor

Promulgated according to law, this 29th day of October, 1952.

(Sgd.) N. ALMIROTY
Under Secretary of State