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" unless an Affirmative Vote as hereinafter provided shall
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Application of certain provisions of Electoral Act.

4. Subject to the provisions of this Act all the requirements and provisions of the "Electoral Act of 1880," prescribing or referring to the procedure to be observed at Elections held thereunder shall apply to the taking of votes at certain General Elections for the purposes of this Act, and the said Electoral Act shall hereafter be read with and as amended by this Act. Provided always that every elector in addition to the requirements contained in section thirty-four of the said Electoral Act shall on his ballot-paper answer the question at the foot thereof by striking out either the word "Yes" or the word "No" according as he desires to answer such question in the affirmative or negative, but in case such elector is unable to read or is blind the Presiding Officer shall strike out the word which such elector shall desire to be struck out.

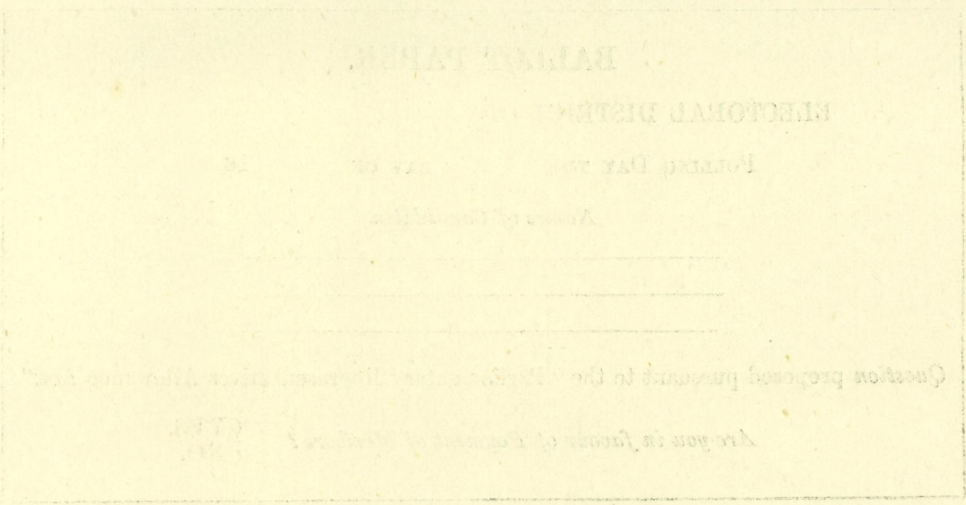
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Procedure for ascertainment of answers.

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