SECTION 552. Casting of Ballot. — After properly preparing his ballot, the voter shall immediately return to the poll clerk, who shall again announce his name and residence, and the chairman of the board shall receive the ballot and without exposing the contents, shall deposit it in the ballot box in the presence and view of the voter. The fact that he has voted shall be recorded by placing a mark opposite the voter's name on each of the registration lists in a column provided for that purpose. The voter shall then depart.

[1582-22.]

SECTION 553. Challenge of Person Offering to Vote. — Any qualified voter of the election precinct, if he believes that any person who is not registered is offering to vote or that any person is offering to vote in the name of another, may challenge the vote of such person upon such ground, and the board shall thereupon take the oath of such person or otherwise satisfy itself whether or not the ground of challenge be true.

For the purpose of receiving and counting the vote it shall be sufficient if the person so challenged shall prove that he is the identical person duly registered as by law provided.

[1582-23.]

SECTION 554. Challenge Based on Ground of Recent Disqualification or Corrupt Practices. — A challenge of any person offering to vote may likewise be made by any qualified voter of the precinct upon the ground that the challenged voter has suffered disqualification under subsection (b), (c), (e), or (f) of section five hundred and twenty-nine hereof, subsequent to the date of registration. Where a challenge is made upon such ground the following oath shall be administered to the challenged person by one of the inspectors:

"I, ______, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that since the date of my registration as a voter I have not suffered disqualification under subsection (b), (c), (e), or (f) of section five hundred and twenty-nine of the Election Law and in particular that I have not suffered and am not subject to the disqualification upon which my right to vote is now challenged."

A challenge of any person offering to vote may likewise be made by any qualified voter of the precinct upon the ground that the challenged voter is guilty of corrupt practices in connection with the impending election; in which case the following oath shall be administered to the challenged person by one of the inspectors: