

Provided that no ballot paper shall be delivered to an elector unless he has put his signature or thumb impression on the counterfoil of that ballot paper.

- (3) It shall not be necessary for any presiding officer or polling officer or any other officer to attest the thumb impression of the elector on the counterfoil.
 - (4) No person in the polling station shall note down the serial numbers of the ballot papers issued to particular electors.
78. Maintenance of secrecy of voting by electors within the polling station and voting procedure: (1) Every elector to whom a ballot paper has been issued under rule 77 shall maintain secrecy of voting within the polling station and for that purpose observe the voting procedure hereinafter laid down.
- (2) The elector on receiving the ballot paper shall forwith:
 - (a) proceed to one of the voting compartments;
 - (b) there make a mark on the ballot paper with the instrument supplied for the purpose on or near the symbol of the candidate for whom he intends to vote;
 - (c) fold the ballot paper so as to conceal his vote;
 - (d) if required, show to the presiding officer the distinguishing mark on the ballot paper;
 - (e) insert the folded ballot paper into the ballot box; and
 - (f) quit the polling station.
 - (3) Every elector shall vote without undue delay.
 - (4) No elector shall be allowed to enter a voting compartment when another elector is inside it.
 - (5) If an elector to whom a ballot paper has been issued, refuses after warning given by the presiding officer to observe the procedure as laid down in sub-rule (2), the ballot paper issued to him shall, whether he has recorded his vote thereon or not, be taken back from him by the presiding officer or a polling officer under the direction of the presiding officer.
 - (6) After the ballot paper has been taken back, the presiding officer shall record on its back the words "Cancelled: voting procedure violated" and put his signature below those words.
 - (7) All the ballot papers on which the words "Cancelled: voting procedure violated" are recorded, shall be kept in a separate cover which shall bear on its face the words "Ballot papers: Voting Procedure Violated".
 - (8) Without prejudice to any other penalty to which an elector from whom a ballot paper has been taken back under sub-rule (5) may be liable, the vote, if any, recorded on such ballot paper shall not be counted.
79. Recording of votes of blind or infirm electors: (1) If the presiding officer is satisfied that owing to blindness or other physical infirmity an elector is unable to recognize the symbols on the ballot paper or to make a mark thereon without assistance, the presiding officer shall permit the elector to take with him a companion of not less than eighteen years of age to the voting compartment for recording the vote on the ballot paper on his behalf and in accordance with his wishes, and if necessary, for folding the ballot paper so as to conceal the vote and inserting it into the ballot box;