

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY:

The Commissioners of Elections for the County of Jefferson, New York, have the honor to submit to the Board of Supervisors of Jefferson County the following report for the year ending November 30, 1913, pursuant to the provisions of Section 192 of the Election Law.

At the time of the submission of our last annual report, we were about to take up the work connected with the enrollment of voters. In order that the Board may understand something about this work we will describe it very briefly. There is one enrollment box for each district in the county, 78 in all. Each box contains the enrollment envelopes and blanks for one district. Each enrollment envelope must be opened and the blanks counted. They must then be arranged alphabetically and numerically. After each of the 78 boxes have been opened an entry must be made in each one of the two enrollment books for each of the 78 districts showing the political politics of each voter or the fact that he did not enroll.

After this work is completed five certified copies must be made of each enrollment book. The Board can readily understand that this work takes much time and when it is entirely completed it is time to take up the work of preparing for the next enrollment and Primary Election. Registration and General Election follow in a short time so that the duties of the office are continuous.

At the present time we have no document file for our records. These records are now stored on the floor of our office. The office is so small that we have barely enough room to transact the business. We recommend that some sort of filing arrangement be provided as soon as possible.

Under the Election Law we are entitled to the sum of \$ 1500.00 for clerk hire in our office. We desire to report to the Board that we have transacted the business connected with our office with one clerk since July 1 at a saving to the county of \$ 390.00. This item if we continue to conduct the office with one clerk means a saving to the county on this one item next year of \$ 720.00. In addition there is a large amount of printing in connection with the Election Law that is optional with the Board of Elections.

We have endeavored to cut down the printing to a minimum and have affected a saving on this work of at least \$ 1200.00. The Salary of the Commissioners of Election is \$ 900.00 per annum. It is possible for the Board to increase this salary to \$ 1000.00. In view of the fact that we have transacted the business during the past year at a saving to Jefferson County of at least \$ 1500.00, we desire to request that the Board of Supervisors increase the salary of the Election Commissioners \$ 100.00 each making the annual salary \$ 1000.00. If the Board is in doubt about the work connected with the office we request that you appoint a committee to confer with the Board of Elections and report back to the Board.

All of which is Respectfully Submitted.

Dated December 3, 1913.

Board of Elections

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