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My research involves issues of voting technology policy. Since elections, ballots and voting technology have been around as long as the US Republic, there are a few seminal texts that voting technology researchers use as signposts for historical policy and design issues. One such book is Spencer Albrights \*The American Ballot\* published by the (apparently now defunct) Council on Public Affairs in 1942:

S. D. Albright. The American Ballot. American Council on Public Affairs, Washington, D.C., 1942.

This book is a wonderful aggregation of historical voting issues and is especially useful to track the evolution of ballot design issues.

This book is no longer published and is very very hard to find for purchase. The publisher doesn't seem to exist anymore. If this work is public domain, it would be a great resource if it was online in a searchable form. I have the ability to do this (scanning and OCR'ing of the text) but I'm uncertain whether or not the work is public domain or if the current rightsholder would authorize such a use.

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