

to see or ascertain how a voter votes, or how he has voted. The said judges, or one of them, shall inspect the face of the machine at frequent intervals, to see that the ballot-labels are in their proper places, and that the machine has not been injured or tampered with.

(e) *Counters Not to be Exposed.* During an election, the door or other covering of the compartment containing the counters of the machine, shall not be unlocked or opened, or the counters exposed, except by the action of the proper custodian of voting machines for good and sufficient reason, statement of which shall be made in writing and signed by him and attested by the signatures of the judges of election, or except upon the written order of the Board of Supervisors of Elections for good and sufficient reason which shall be stated in the order.

(f) *Voter's Certificate.* Except in Baltimore City, one of the judges of election shall issue to each voter found upon the registers to be qualified, an official voter's certificate on a form provided by the Board of Supervisors of Elections. Said judge shall enter thereon a number corresponding with said voter's number on the poll book, the name of the voter, and the original signature or initials of said judge, written in ink. At the same time the other judge of election shall enter on the poll book the number and name of the voter to whom such voter's certificate was issued. The two judges of election not in charge of the registers shall be in charge of the operation of the voting machines, and they shall permit no one to register a vote upon any voting machine unless the voter applying to them shall produce and surrender to them or one of them an official voter's certificate, duly signed or initialed by the judge. In the event any voter shall leave the voting machine booth without registering a vote, the judge holding such voter's certificate shall endorse a memorandum of that fact on the certificate of such voter, and sign his name.

127. Instruction and Assistance in Voting. (a) *Instruction.* The judges of election, with the aid of the diagrams authorized in Section 125(c)(1) of this Article and the mechanically operated model, shall instruct each voter, before he enters the voting machine booth, regarding the operation of the machine, and shall give the voter opportunity personally to operate the model.

(b) *Assistance to Disabled Persons.* No voter shall be permitted to receive any assistance in voting at any election, unless he shall declare under oath to the judges of election that by reason of blindness or physical disability he is unable to read the names upon the ballot-labels or to see the machine, or without assistance, to prepare it for voting, or enter the voting machine booth without assistance. Upon making and filing with the judges such affidavit, the voter shall retire to a voting machine, with a person **RELATED BY BLOOD OR MARRIAGE** whom the voter may select or with two judges of opposite political parties, and then and there said person or one of said judges in the presence of the other shall operate the machine as such voter shall direct. The only assistance which it shall be lawful for said person or said judges to give such voter is to move the vote indicator as the voter, without prompting or suggestion from them or either of them, shall direct. No voter shall be assisted under this section until a majority of the judges of election shall be convinced of the truth of the fact stated in such affidavit. No assistance in operating such machine shall be given