

## VOTING MACHINES

**119. Use of Voting Machines Authorized.** (a) *General Provisions.* *The Boards of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City and of the respective counties shall provide for the use of voting machines in all elections, general, primary and special, in accordance with the provisions of this Article and under such rules and regulations as said Boards may deem advisable or necessary. The said Boards may purchase, rent, lease or otherwise acquire such number of voting machines as may be required to equip any and all of the polling places in said city or county, as the case may be. In the event of the leasing, rental or other acquisition of such machines, they shall be exempt from State, county or municipal taxation.*

(b) *Laws Applicable.* *The conduct of all elections, general, primary or special, shall be as hereafter provided in this sub-title, instead of as provided in Sections 105 to 111, inclusive, except as specifically therein stated.*

(c) *Number of Voting Machines.* *At least one voting machine shall be furnished for each unit of five hundred voters, and an additional machine for every fractional part of such unit; in the case of special elections, however, the Supervisors of Elections in any county in their discretion may determine the number of machines to be furnished to each polling place.*

(d) *Judges.* *In polling places where voting machines are used, the elections shall be conducted by the four judges of election and no clerks of election shall be appointed.*

(e) *Paper Ballots Authorized.* *Where the Supervisors do not have available or are unable to procure voting machines, paper ballots may be used, in which case the election shall be conducted in all respects as provided in this Article for elections held by paper ballots, including the appointment of clerks of election. Also, in the event that the number of names or the number of questions submitted for vote at any election is too large for the practical use of voting machines, the said Boards of Supervisors shall supply paper ballots in the usual form for use in voting.*

(f) *Acquisition of Voting Machines.* *The Boards of Supervisors of Elections and the County Commissioners or County Councils in the several political sub-divisions shall use the powers conferred upon them for the acquisition of voting machines, and shall acquire or have available the necessary number of voting machines for use at all elections- ; THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OR COUNTY COUNCILS SHALL PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT FOR SUCH MACHINES.*

**120. Borrowing Power for Voting Machines.** (a) *Counties Authorized to Borrow.* *Whenever the Board of Supervisors of Elections of any county shall determine to purchase voting machines, the Board of County Commissioners or County Council thereof is hereby authorized and empowered to borrow, from time to time, in such amounts as it shall deem necessary without regard to any limitations upon its borrowing power, money on the faith and credit of such county and to issue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of such voting machines.*