

Elections shall give notice, in writing, to the custodian of the voting machines to be recanvassed and to the Chairman of the State Central Committee of each party which shall have nominated candidates for said general election or shall have candidates for nomination at said primary election. Each of the said chairmen shall have the right to appoint and designate two representatives who shall each have the right personally to examine and make a copy of the vote recorded on the machines.

(b) Figures Corrected. If upon such verification or recanvass, it shall be found that the original canvass of the returns has been incorrectly made from any machine or machines, a statement in writing shall be prepared, giving in detail as to each such machine, the result of the verification or recanvass. Such statement shall be witnessed by the persons present and shall be filed with the other returns of said election. Such recanvass of votes made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall thereupon supersede the returns filed by the judges of the election precinct in which the canvass was made.

(c) Testing Counting Mechanism. If upon such recanvass, it shall be found that a discrepancy still remains unaccounted for, the Supervisors of Elections, after the expiration of the time within which petition for recount may be made, with the assistance of the custodian of the machine, shall unlock the voting and counting mechanism of the machine. In the presence of the authorized representative present, they shall proceed to thoroughly examine and test the machine to determine and reveal the true cause or causes, if any, of the discrepancy in the returns from such machine. Before testing the counters, they shall be reset at zero, after which each counter shall be operated at least one hundred times. After the completion of such examination and test, the custodian shall then and there prepare a statement, in writing, giving in detail the result thereof, and such statement shall be witnessed by the persons present and shall be filed in the office of the Supervisors of Elections.

141. Release of Voting Machines. *Every voting machine used in any election, general, special, or primary, shall remain locked and sealed after said ten day period for as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of any contest over the result of the election; except that it may be opened and the data and figures therein examined in the presence of the officer having the custody of such machine upon the order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or Judges thereof, or by direction of any legislative committee to investigate and report upon contested elections affected by the use of such machine. If within two days after verification of the returns, as provided by Section 140 THE RESULTS OF THE CANVASS ARE DECLARED OFFICIAL, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall receive notice in writing of any contest over the result of said election, then such Board, within five days from the receipt of such notice and in the presence of the principals involved in any such contest or their authorized representatives, shall proceed to inspect and examine the voting machines containing the votes cast for such contested office, and shall make a record of the votes for such office upon said machines. Such record shall be received as evidence as fully as if proved by the oral testimony of the persons who shall sign the same, or by the production of said voting machines*