

(c) The custodian and deputy custodians shall make and sign a certificate in writing, and request each party representative present at the preparation of the machine to attest the same, which shall be filed with the board stating (1) the identifying number or other designation of the voting machines; (2) that each registering counter of the machine was set at zero (000); (3) the number appearing on the exposed counter which registers every consecutive operation of the machine; (4) the number on the seal with which the machine has been sealed; (5) that the keys for each machine have been sealed in separate envelopes identified by the serial number of the voting machine; (6) the date and place of the inspection and preparation of such machine and that the proper ballot labels have been installed thereon. Each machine sealed as in this section provided shall remain locked and sealed until the time of examination immediately preceding the opening of the polls, as hereinafter provided. In addition to the foregoing requirements, in Allegany County such certificate shall be executed by the custodian, deputy custodian and all members of the board present at the preparation of the machines and such certificates shall be filed as a permanent record with the board.

16-10. Preparation of voting machines.

(a) Each board shall cause to be delivered the proper voting machine or voting machines, ~~properly~~ furnished with ballots, ALL BINDERS CONTAINING THE PRECINCT CARDS AND EQUIPMENT BOXES, CONTAINING ALL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION, to the polling places of the respective election precincts at least one hour before the time set for opening the polls at each election, and shall cause each machine to be set up in the proper manner for use in voting. Each machine shall then remain sealed until the examination immediately preceding the opening of the polls prescribed by this subtitle.

IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE BOARD SHALL DELIVER TO THE POLICE COMMISSIONER OF BALTIMORE CITY, NOT MORE THAN THREE DAYS AND NOT LESS THAN ONE DAY PRECEDING THE ELECTION, ALL BINDERS CONTAINING THE PRECINCT CARDS AND EQUIPMENT BOXES, CONTAINING ALL EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTION. THE SAID POLICE COMMISSIONER SHALL GIVE A RECEIPT THEREFOR, AND SHALL DELIVER OR CAUSE THE SAME TO BE DELIVERED TO THE JUDGES OF ELECTION OF THE RESPECTIVE PRECINCTS AT OR BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS ON THE DAY OF ELECTION. SAID BOARD SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF THE TIME WHEN SUCH DELIVERIES ARE MADE BY THEM AND OF THE PARTICULARS THEREOF.

(b) The board shall provide ample protection against tampering with and damage to the voting machine, and, for such purpose, the board or any of the judges or custodians of the polling places shall and may call upon any police officer to furnish such assistance as may be necessary. It shall be the duty of police officers to furnish such assistance when so requested by the board, or by any judge or custodian.

(c) The board shall furnish, at the expense of the city or county, as the case may be, and deliver with each voting machine: