

locked 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, or except upon the written order of the board for good and sufficient reason which shall be stated in the order. No repairs or adjustments shall be made to any voting machine during an election unless made by a custodian or deputy custodian, for good and sufficient reason and a complete statement shall be prepared for each repair or adjustment made. Such statement shall contain information as to the repairs made, the reason for the malfunction of the machine, the duration of the period of time that the machine is out of order and shall be filed as a permanent record, the original in the custody of the board, one copy to the custodian and one to one of the attesting judges.

(h) In primary elections, before a voter is admitted to the voting machine, it shall be adjusted by the judge in charge thereof, so that such voter shall only be able to vote for the candidates of that party with which he is affiliated.

(i) As used in Sections ~~126 and 127~~ 16-11 AND 16-12 of the Article, the word "judges" shall refer to a combination of judges which shall, at all times, include judges affiliated with the majority party and the principal minority party.

#### **16-12. Instruction and assistance in voting.**

(a) With the aid of the diagrams authorized in Sec. 16-10(c) (1) of this Article and the mechanically operated model, the judges, if requested by the voter, shall instruct each such 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) No assistance in marking ballots or operating the voting machine shall be given, except to voters who are blind, have impaired vision or are otherwise incapable from physical disability from marking the ballot or operating the voting machine.

(c)(1) Assistance in marking their ballots or operating a voting machine shall be given to voters who shall declare under oath to the judges that by reason of blindness, impaired vision or other physical disability they are unable without assistance to mark their ballots or operate the voting machine. No ballot shall be marked under this section or voting machine operated until a majority of the judges shall be satisfied of the truth of the facts stated in such affidavit. Upon making and filing with the judges such affidavit, the voter shall retire to one of said booths or voting machines with any person whom the voter may select or with two judges of opposite political parties. Then and there the person whom the voter has selected, or in case the voter has selected no one, one of said judges in the presence of the other, shall mark the ballot or operate the voting machine as such voter shall direct. The only assistance which it shall be lawful for said person or for the said judges to give the voter is to mark the ballot or operate the voting machine, as the voter shall direct, without prompting or suggestion from them, or either of them.

(2) If, however, any voter, after entering the voting machine booth, shall ask for further instructions concerning the manner of