

whenever such failure occurs, shall be the same as in the case of machines not equipped with such mechanism.

(b)(1) When the canvass of all voting machines in the polling place has been completed, the judges shall then prepare in ink, a General Return Sheet (sometimes called a Tally Sheet) reporting the vote registered on each machine, the vote cast for each candidate, the vote cast for and against each question, the number of voters who have voted, as shown by the list of voters, and the number who have voted on each machine, as shown by the public counters, and also the number registered on the protective counter or device on each machine immediately prior to the opening of the polls and immediately after the closing thereof and the sealing of the machine. The number or other designation of each machine used shall also be entered thereon, whereupon a General Return Sheet (sometimes called a Tally Sheet) shall be signed by all of the judges.

(2) In the case of primary elections, separate sets of Return Sheets in triplicate may be prepared for each party, or the tabulations for each party may be entered on one set of Return Sheets, in triplicate, said choice of returns to be in the discretion of the board.

(3) The registering counters of the voting machines shall remain exposed to view until the said returns and all other reports have been fully completed.

(c)(1) The proclamation of the result of the votes cast shall be announced distinctly and audibly by one of the judges, who shall read the names of each candidate, the designation or designating numbers and letters of his counters and the vote registered on each counter, and also the vote cast for and against each question submitted.

(2) During such proclamation ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to compare the results so announced with the counter dials of the machine, or the printed or photographic record thereof in the case of machines so constructed as to furnish a printed or photographic record of the setting of the counters and the numbers registered thereon by voting which have furnished the same, and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made by the judges, after which the doors or other cover of the voting machine shall be closed and locked.

(d) The Return Sheets shall be signed by each of the judges. If any judge shall decline to sign such return, he shall state his reason therefor in writing, and a copy thereof signed by himself, shall be enclosed with such return. Each of the return sheets shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall then be sealed with sealing wax, or other sealing material, and each of the judges shall write his name across the fold of the envelope.

(1) One of the duplicate Return Sheets shall be directed to the clerk of the circuit court of the county or of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, as the case may be; and

(2) One to the county commissioners or county council of the county or to the mayor of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be; and

(3) The General Return Sheet, or Tally Sheet, shall be directed to the board.