

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224F.

265. Every voting machine acquired or used under the provisions of this sub-title shall:

(a) Provide facilities for voting for such candidates as may be nominated, and upon such questions as may be submitted;

(b) Permit each voter, in one operation, to vote for all the candidates of one party for presidential electors;

(c) Permit each voter, at other than primary elections, to vote a ticket selected from the nominees of any and all parties and from independent nominations;

(d) Permit each voter to vote, at any election, for any person and for any office for whom and for which he is lawfully entitled to vote, and to vote for as many persons for an office as he is entitled to vote for, including a substantial compliance with the provisions of Section 241 of this Article, and to vote for or against any question which appears upon a ballot-label;

(e) Preclude each voter from voting for more persons for any office than he is entitled to vote for, and from voting for any candidate for the same office or upon any question more than once;

(f) Be capable of adjustment by election officers, so as to permit each voter at a primary election to vote only for the candidates seeking nomination by the political party with which he is affiliated, if he is affiliated with a political party, and so as to preclude him from voting for the candidates seeking nomination by any political party with which he is not affiliated;

(g) Permit each voter to change his vote for any candidate, or upon any question appearing upon the ballot-labels, up to the time he begins the final operation to register his vote, or indicates or expresses his intention to register his voter;

(h) Permit and require voting in absolute secrecy, and shall be so constructed that no person can see or know for whom any other voter has voted or is voting, save a voter whom he has assisted or is assisting in voting as prescribed by law;

(i) Have voting devices for separate candidates and questions, which shall be arranged in separate parallel rows or columns, so that, at any primary election, one or more adjacent rows or columns may be assigned to the candidates of a party, and shall have parallel office columns or rows transverse thereto;

(j) Have a counter, or other device, to be known as a "public counter", the register of which is visible from the outside of the machine, which shall show during any period of voting the total number of voters who have operated the machine during said period of voting;

(k) Have a protective counter, or other device, the register of which cannot be reset, which shall record the cumulative total number of movements of the operating mechanism;

(l) Be provided with a lock or locks, by means of which, immediately after the polls are closed, or the operation of the machine for an election is completed, all movement of the registering mechanism is absolutely prevented;

(m) Be provided with a screen, hood or curtain, which shall conceal the actions of the voter while voting;

(n) Be constructed of material of good quality, in a neat and workman-like manner;

(o) When properly operated, register or record correctly and accurately every vote cast;