

such instruction, the said Supervisors or the custodians shall call such meeting or meetings of the judges of election as shall be necessary. Each judge of election shall, upon notice, attend any such meeting or meetings called for his instruction and receive such instructions as shall be necessary for the proper conduct of the elections with the machine. No judge of election shall serve in any election at which a voting machine is used, unless he shall have received such instruction and is fully qualified to perform his duties in connection with the machine, and has received a certificate to that effect from the Supervisors of Elections or one of the custodians of the machines; provided, however, that this shall not prevent the appointment of a judge of election to fill a vacancy arising on the day of election, or on the preceding day.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224K.

270. (a) The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall deliver the keys, which unlock the operating mechanism and the registering counters or counter compartment of the voting machine, to one of the judges of election not earlier than noon the Saturday preceding an election, nor later than three-quarters of an hour before the time set for the opening of the polls, and shall take his receipt therefor. The keys shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope, on which shall be written or printed: (1) the number of the voting machine; (2) the name or designation of the precinct; (3) the number of the seal; and (4) the number registered on the protective counter or device as reported by the custodian.

(b) No judge of election shall open an envelope so delivered, until another judge of the opposite political party shall be present in the polling-place, and shall have examined the envelope to see that it has not been opened.

(c) Before opening the envelope, all the judges of election present shall examine the number on the seal on the machine, and the number registered on the protective counter or device, and shall see whether they are the same as the numbers written on the envelope containing the keys. If either number shall be found not to agree, the envelope shall remain unopened until the judges of election shall have notified the custodian of voting machines, or the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and until the custodian or some other person authorized by the said Board shall have presented himself at the polling-place for the purpose of re-examining the machine, and shall have certified that it is properly arranged.

(d) But if the numbers on the seal and the protective counter or device shall be found to agree with the numbers on the envelope, the judges shall examine the registering counters, and, for that purpose, shall open the doors concealing such counters, if the construction of the voting machine shall so require, and, before the polls are opened, the judges shall carefully examine every counter, and shall see that it registers zero (000), and shall allow the watchers to examine the counters.

(e) If the ballot-labels containing the names of offices, parties, candidates, and questions, shall not be in their proper places on the voting machine, the judges, forthwith, shall notify the custodian of voting machines, or the Board of Supervisors of Elections, and the machine shall not be used until the custodian, or some other person authorized by the said Board, shall have supplied ballot-labels as herein prescribed. If the ballot-labels for a voting machine shall not be delivered at the time required, or if, after