

(i) During an election, the door, or other covering of the compartment containing the counters of the machine, shall not be unlocked or opened, or the counters exposed, except by the action of the proper custodian of voting machines for good and sufficient reason, a statement of which shall be made in writing and signed by him and attested by the signatures of the judges of election, or except upon the written order of the Board of Supervisors of Elections for good and sufficient reason which shall be stated in the order.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224L.

271. (a) During the thirty days next preceding an election, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall place on public exhibition, in such public places, on such days, and at such times as they may deem most suitable for the information and instruction of the voters, one or more voting machines, containing the ballot-labels, and showing the offices and questions to be voted upon, the names and arrangements of parties, and, so far as practicable, the names and arrangement of the candidates to be voted for. Such machine or machines shall be under the charge and care of a person competent as custodian and instructor. No voting machine, which is to be assigned for use in an election, shall be used for such public exhibition and instruction, after having been prepared and sealed for the election.

(b) During such public exhibition and instruction, the counting mechanism of the voting machine shall be concealed from view, and the doors, or cover concealing the same, shall be opened, if at all, only temporarily, and only upon written authorization from the Board of Supervisors of Elections.

(c) Prior to any election, the Board of Supervisors of Elections may cause copies of any diagram or diagrams, required to be furnished with voting machines at polling-places, to be made, either in full size or in reduced size, and to be posted, published, advertised or distributed among the voters in such manner as the said Board may deem desirable.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224M.

272. (a) The judges of election shall, with the aid of the diagrams herein authorized, and the mechanically operated model, instruct each 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 voter shall be permitted to receive any assistance in voting at any election, unless he shall declare under oath to the judges of election that by reason of blindness or physical disability he is unable to read the names upon the ballot-labels or to see the machine, or, without assistance, to prepare it for voting, or enter the voting machine booth without assistance. Upon making and filing with the judges such affidavit, the voter shall retire to a voting machine, with two of the judges of opposite political parties, and then and there one of said judges in the presence of the other shall operate the machine as such voter shall direct, the voter himself naming one by one the candidates for whom he desires his vote to be recorded and not indicating the candidates by a general designation as the candidates of any one political party. The ballot-label shall not be read to such voter, nor shall any suggestion of any kind be made by either of said judges to show him as to how his choice shall be indicated, but the only assistance