

which it shall be lawful for the judges to give him is to move the vote indicators as he, without prompting or suggestion from them or either of them, shall direct, but no voter shall be assisted under this section until a majority of the judges of election shall be satisfied of the truth of the fact stated in such affidavit. Voters who are not unable, by reason of blindness or physical disability, to operate the machine without assistance shall not be entitled to receive assistance in so doing. And with the exception in favor of persons blind or incapable by reason of physical disability of operating a voting machine without assistance, no distinction or discrimination in the matter of assistance in operating such machine shall be made for or against any duly registered voter for any other cause whatever. The voter shall state in his affidavit the specific physical disability which requires him to receive assistance, and the judges of election shall enter in writing on the record of assisted voters: (1) the voter's name; and (2) the specific physical disability which requires him to receive assistance.

(c) If, however, any voter, after entering the voting machine booth, and before the closing of such booth, shall ask for further instructions concerning the matter of voting, then two of the judges of opposite political parties shall give him such instructions, but no such judge shall, in any manner, request, suggest, or seek to persuade or induce any such voter to vote any particular ticket, or for any particular candidate, or for or against any particular question. After giving such instructions, and before the voter closes the booth or votes, the judges shall retire, and the voter shall forthwith vote.

Secs. 264-282 held valid and not to be an unreasonable classification or unlawful discrimination; not special or local law. *Norris v. Baltimore*, 172 Md. 667.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224N.

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

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224-O.

**274.** At any general election, at which presidential electors are to be chosen, the machine shall be so adjusted that each voter shall be enabled to vote, by one operation, for all the presidential electors of a party. For each party nominating presidential electors, a ballot-label shall be provided, containing only the words "Presidential Electors," preceded by the name of the party, and followed by the names of the candidates thereof for the offices of President and Vice-President, and the corresponding counters or registering devices shall register votes cast for said electors when thus voted for collectively, but the machine shall be so prepared that it shall be possible for the voter to indicate his choice of as many candidates for the position of presidential elector as there are presidential electors to be elected.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224P.

**275.** (a) When the polls are closed, all qualified voters, who are then waiting in line to vote shall be permitted by the judges to do so. As soon as the polls are closed, and the last voter has voted, the judges shall immediately lock and seal the operating lever or mechanism of the machine so that the voting and counting mechanism will be prevented from opera-