

tion, and they shall then sign a certificate stating: (1) that the machine has been locked against voting and sealed; (2) the number of voters, as shown on the public counters; (3) the number on the seal which they have placed upon the machine; (4) the number registered on the protective counter or device; and (5) the number or other designation of the voting machine, which certificate shall be returned by the judges of election to the officials authorized by law to receive the same. The judges shall then compare the number of voters, as shown by the counter of the machine, with the number of those who have voted, as shown by the applications filed, as provided by Section 107 of this Article.

(b) The judges, in the presence of the watchers and all other persons who may be lawfully within the polling-place, shall then make visible the registering counters, and, for that purpose, shall unlock and open the doors, or other covering concealing the same, giving full view of all the counter numbers. The judges shall, under the scrutiny of the watchers, and in the order of the offices as their titles are arranged on the machine, read and announce, in distinct tones, the designation or designating number and letter on each counter for each candidate's name, the result as shown by the counter numbers, and/or the designation or designating numbers and letters on each counter, and the results as shown by the counter numbers for and against each question voted on. The counters shall not be read consecutively along the party rows or columns, but shall always be read along the office columns or rows, completing the canvass for each office or question before proceeding to the next. The vote as registered shall be entered by the judges, in ink, on triplicate return sheets, and also on a general return sheet and statement, all of which, after the canvass is completed, shall be signed by the judges. The vote for presidential electors shall be computed and returned as provided hereinbefore in Section 274 of this sub-title. If more than one voting machine is used in any precinct, the vote registered on each machine shall be ascertained in like manner, and separately entered in appropriate spaces on the general and triplicate return sheets and statement. The total vote cast for each candidate, and for and against each question, shall then be computed and entered on the general and triplicate return sheets and statement. There shall also be entered on the general return sheet and statement the number of voters who have voted, as shown by the lists 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 sealing of the machine. The number or other designation of each machine used shall also be entered thereon. In the case of primary elections, triplicate return sheets shall be prepared for each party. The registering counters of the voting machines shall remain exposed to view until the said returns and all other reports have been fully completed. During such time, any candidate, or duly accredited watcher, who may desire to be present, shall be admitted to the polling place.

(c) The proclamation of the result of the votes cast shall be announced distinctly and audibly by one of the judges of election, who shall read the name of each candidate, the designation or designating numbers and letters of his counters and the vote registered on each counter, also the vote cast for and against each question submitted. During such proclamation ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to compare the