

results so announced with the counter dials of the machine, and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made by the judges, after which the doors or other cover of the voting machine shall be closed and locked and the return sheet shall be signed by each of the judges of election. If any judge shall decline to sign such return, he shall state his reason therefor in writing, and a copy thereof, signed by himself, shall be enclosed with such return. Each of the return sheets shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall then be secretly sealed with sealing wax, or other sealing material, and each of the judges shall write his name across the fold of the envelope. One of the triplicate return sheets shall be directed to the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, one to the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, and one to the Register of Wills of Baltimore City, and the general return sheet and statement shall be directed to the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City. The judges of election shall promptly deliver the keys of the voting machine, inclosed in a sealed envelope, to the officials authorized by law to receive the same, if the construction of the voting machine shall permit their separate return. Said envelope shall have indorsed thereon a certificate of the election officers, stating the number of the machine, the precinct where it has been used, the number on the seal, and the number on the protective counter or device at the close of the polls.

(d) As soon as possible after the completion of the count, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall have the voting machine properly boxed or securely covered and removed to a place of storage to be designated by said Board.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224Q.

276. The general return sheet, triplicate return sheets, and statement, shall be printed to conform with the type of voting machine used. The designating number and letter, if any, on the counter for each candidate shall be printed thereon opposite the candidate's name. Immediately after the vote has been ascertained, the statement thereof shall be posted on the door of the polling-place. Thereupon, each of the judges shall take into his possession one of the above mentioned return sheets, sealed up in its envelope as aforesaid, and the meeting of said judges shall then be dissolved. Thereupon the said judges shall forthwith deliver the said return sheets to the respective officers to whom they are addressed, as aforesaid, and shall take receipts therefor.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224R.

277. After each general or special election, the voting machine shall remain locked against voting for the thirty days next following such election, and as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of any existing or threatened contest over the result of the election, with due regard for the date of the next following election, except that it may be opened and all the data and figures therein examined, upon the order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or judge thereof, or by direction of any legislative committee to investigate and report upon contested elections affected by the use of such machine, and such data and such figures shall be examined by such court, judge or committee in the presence of the officer having custody of such machine. A notice of contest shall be given to the Supervisors of Elections, as provided in Section 184 of this Article