

as to general and special elections, and as provided in Section 255 thereof as to primary elections, upon receipt of which notice said Supervisors shall proceed as directed by Section 263 of this Article.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224S.

278. Whenever it shall appear that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any precinct, or, upon petition of three voters of any precinct, verified by affidavit, that an error, although not apparent on the face of the returns, has been committed therein, the Board of Canvassers shall, at any time prior to the completion of the computation of all of the returns for the city, summon the judges of election of the precinct, and said judges, in the presence of said Board, shall make a record of the number of the seal upon the voting machine, and the number on the protective counter or other device, shall make visible the registering counters of such machine, and, without unlocking the machine against voting, shall recanvass the vote cast thereon. Before making such recanvass, the said Board shall give notice in writing to the custodian of voting machines, and to each candidate, and to the chairman of the city committee of each party affected by the canvass, and each such candidate may be present in person, or by attorney, and each of such parties may send two representatives to be present at such recanvass. If, upon such recanvass, it shall be found that the original canvass of the returns has been correctly made from the machine, and that the discrepancy still remains unaccounted for, the said Board, with the assistance of the custodian, in the presence of the judges of election and the authorized candidates and representatives, shall unlock the voting and counting mechanism of the machine, and shall proceed thoroughly to examine and test the machine to determine and reveal the true cause or causes, if any, of the discrepancy in returns from such machine. Each counter shall be reset at zero (000) before it is tested, after which it shall be operated at least one hundred times. After the completion of such examination and test, the custodian shall then and there prepare a statement, in writing, giving in detail the result of the examination and test, and such statement shall be witnessed by the persons present, and shall be filed with the said Board. If, upon such recanvass, it shall appear that the original canvass of the returns by the election officers was incorrect, the said returns and all papers being prepared by the said Board shall be corrected accordingly.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224T.

279. (a) The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall designate a person or persons who shall have the custody of the voting machines of the city, and the keys therefor, when the machines are not in use at an election, and shall provide for his compensation and for the safe storage and care of the machines and keys.

(b) All voting machines, when not in use, shall be properly boxed or covered, and stored in a suitable place or places as provided by this section.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224U.

280. Any judge of election, or other person, who shall violate any of the provisions of this sub-title, or who shall tamper with, or injure, or attempt to injure, any voting machine to be used or being used in an election, or who shall prevent, or attempt to prevent, the correct operation of such machine, or any unauthorized person who shall make or have in his posses-