

1937, ch. 337, sec. 224F.

**287.** (Duties of Election Officials.) The judges and clerks of election appointed for polling places in Montgomery County wherein voting machines may be installed shall meet at their respective polls on election day at least one-half hour before the opening of the polls, and shall then inspect the equipment furnished, and if at least two judges of election of opposite party affiliation are present, they shall open the envelope containing the keys to each voting machine and shall unlock the counter compartment and ascertain whether the tabulating devices are all set at zero (000), and whether the numbered seal on the operating lever is unbroken, and that the number thereon is identical with the number certified on the envelope containing the said keys. They shall also compare the number appearing on the dials of the exposed counter designed to register every consecutive operation of the machine, with the reading thereof noted on the said envelope containing said keys. They shall inspect the face of the machine to make sure that the proper ballot labels are in the proper places, and that the machine is otherwise ready for use. If after such inspection the said judges shall find the machine to be in proper order, they shall sign a certificate to that effect, which shall be returned to the Supervisors of Elections with other equipment; and after signing such certificate they shall remove the metal seal on the operating lever at the time set for the opening of the polls, and said lever shall then be operated only by duly qualified voters for the purpose of registering their respective votes. One of the clerks of Election shall issue to each voter found upon the registers to be qualified, an official voter's certificate on a form provided by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, whereon said clerk shall enter a number corresponding with said voter's number on the poll book, the name of the voter, and the original signature or initials of said clerk, written in ink. At the same time the other clerk of election shall enter on the poll book the number and name of the voter to whom such voter's certificate was issued. The two judges of election not in charge of the registers shall be in charge of the operation of the voting machines, and they shall permit no one to register a vote upon any voting machine unless the voter applying to them shall produce and surrender to them or one of them an official voter's certificate duly signed or initialed by the clerk; and in the event any voter shall leave the voting machine booth without registering a vote the judge holding such voter's certificate shall endorse a memorandum of that fact on the certificate of such voter, and sign his name; and at the close of the polls the judges in charge of the voting machines shall account for all certificates surrendered to them, to be returned to the Board of Supervisors of Elections wrapped and sealed in a package marked "Surrendered Voters' Certificates," bearing the signatures of the judges and clerks. The unused and spoiled voters' certificates shall be wrapped and sealed in a separate package, marked "Unused and Spoiled Voters' Certificates," bearing the signatures of the judges and clerks; and likewise returned to the said Board with other election equipment.

1937, ch. 337, sec. 224G.

**288.** After the time provided for the closing of the polls, and after all qualified voters then within the polling places have had an opportunity to register their respective votes, the judges of election serving in polling places in Montgomery County wherein voting machines may be installed