

shall seal the operating lever of each voting machine against further operation, with the numbered metallic seal provided for that purpose, and they shall then unlock and open the door covering the dials in the presence of all of the judges and clerks and such duly accredited watchers and challengers who may lawfully be within such polling place, giving full view of the numbers registered on the tabulating devices or dials of each machine. The two clerks shall each take a duplicate form of statement of votes cast and shall enter thereon the serial number of the voting machine and the result of the voting as the same shall be read in a distinct and loud voice, in the order of the offices or questions as they appear on the ballot labels, by two judges of election of opposite party affiliation to each other, who shall in each case announce the designating number and letter, if any, on each set of dials or tabulators, and the figures registered on each dial. The entries on said statements shall be made by writing out the figures in words at length, followed by the corresponding numerical characters. The figures so recorded on each statement shall be verified by having the other two judges of election, who did not take the original reading of the tabulators, make a similar inspection of the dial readings and a similar announcement of their findings; after which the same process shall be repeated for each voting machine in said polling place, with separate duplicate statements of votes cast for each machine. During such tabulation of the vote the counting compartment of the machine shall remain open so that the dial readings are exposed to view, and the statements of votes cast shall not be signed by the judges and clerks until all of the duly accredited watchers and challengers and other persons lawfully within such polling place shall have had a reasonable opportunity to examine the dials on the voting machine or machines, and the entries on the said statements, and to call attention to any apparent discrepancies; after which the said judges and clerks shall make any corrections which a majority of the judges of election shall decide to be necessary, and thereafter the judges and clerks of election shall place their signatures at the bottom of each such statement, and shall then prepare a general return (if there is more than one voting machine used) containing a recapitulation of the entries on the statements of votes cast, which general return shall also be signed by the judges and clerks, in duplicate. The judges of election shall then proclaim the result of the voting, as provided in Section 117 of this Article, and shall then close and lock the counting compartment door of each machine and remove the keys from each machine. One of such keys for each machine shall be placed in a sealed envelope bearing the serial number of the machine and the precinct and district number and be placed in the custody of one of the judges who had charge of the registers. The other key for each machine shall be placed in a separate sealed envelope bearing the serial number of the machine which said key fits, and the precinct and district number, and be placed in the custody of the other judge who had charge of the registers. Each of said judges shall also take one of the duplicate copies of each statement of votes cast and of the general return, if any, after the said statements have been divided into two sets, and each set enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the signatures of the judges and clerks; one envelope to be addressed to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, the other to be addressed to the County Commissioners of Montgomery County. The judges who have charge of the register of voters shall also take charge of the packages containing voters' certificates; and the meeting of said judges and clerks shall