

then be dissolved. Before 12 o'clock, noon, of the second day after such election the two judges so having custody of said returns and equipment shall deliver the statements of votes cast and general return, if any, to the proper officials named on the envelopes containing the same, and shall deliver the other equipment to the Board of Supervisors of Elections and obtain receipt for the same. After the statements of votes cast have been canvassed in the manner provided by law for the canvassing of ballots, the original statements of votes cast shall be carefully preserved by the Board of Canvassers and shall be delivered to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, to be filed and safely kept in their office for the space of four months counting from the second day after such election. Said original statements of votes cast shall be evidence in any contest for any of the offices for which there were candidates at such election, or concerning the vote on any question submitted.

1937, ch. 337, sec. 224H.

289. All voting machines used in any primary, general or special election in Montgomery County shall remain locked and sealed thereafter for a period of thirty days next succeeding such election, after which time such machines may be unsealed and made available for further use; provided, however, that if said Board of Supervisors of Elections shall, within thirty days from the date of any election, receive notice in writing of any contest over the result of said election, then said Board shall within five days after receipt of such notice, and in the presence of the principals involved in any such contest, or their authorized attorneys or representatives, proceed to unlock said machines for the purpose of permitting an examination of the dials thereof, and after allowing those present a reasonable opportunity to inspect and make record of the dial readings, the said voting machines shall forthwith be unsealed and made available for use in any succeeding election.

1937, ch. 337, sec. 224-I.

290. Assistance in operating voting machines which may be installed in Montgomery County shall be given to voters only in accordance with the provisions of Section 111 of this Article; provided, however, that if any qualified voter shall make oath that he or she is unfamiliar with the operation of such machines, the two judges in charge of the machines, in the presence of each other and without actually operating any of the levers of such machines, shall instruct such voter with regard to the method of operation, but shall not make any inquiry of the voter as to the candidates for whom he or she desires to vote; and after explaining the method of operation, said judges shall withdraw and thereafter such voter shall not be permitted to register a vote until he or she has surrendered the official voters' certificate issued as hereinabove provided.

1937, ch. 337, sec. 224J.

291. No voter in any polling place in Montgomery County wherein voting machines may be installed shall have the right to remain within the voting machine booth longer than two minutes if there are other voters awaiting an opportunity to register their votes; nor shall any voter occupy such voting machine booth longer than seven minutes.