

additional machine for every additional fractional part of such unit. In polling places where voting machines are used, the elections in such polling places shall be conducted by the four judges of election, and in such polling places no clerks of election shall be appointed. In such polling places, the polls shall be open for such period of time, and judges of election, when acting as such, shall be compensated at such rate, as is now or may be hereafter provided by law for said county. After the polls are closed, the Judges of Election shall make and sign four duplicate statements of the result of the canvas, which shall be promptly delivered, respectively, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, the Board of County Commissioners of said County, the Register of Wills of said County and the Board of Supervisors of Election of said County. The keys to the machines shall likewise be delivered to the Board of Supervisors of Election of said County. In primary elections in said County the ballot labels used in voting machines in said County shall be printed on material of such different colors for each political party as may be determined by the Board of Supervisors of Election of said County. The Board of Supervisors of Election may appoint such custodian or custodians for the voting machines as the said Board shall deem necessary, whose duty it shall be to prepare the machines for election purposes. The voting machines and the keys thereof, when not in use, shall be stored at such place or places, in such manner and on such terms as the Board of Supervisors of Election may determine. On or before the thirtieth day preceding an election, the Board of Supervisors of Election shall mail to the chairman of the County Committee of each political party, which shall be entitled under existing law to participate in primary elections within the County, a written notice, stating the times when and the place or places where the machines for use in the several polling places in the County will be prepared for use. At such times and places, one representative of each of such political parties, certified by the respective chairman of the County Committees of such parties, shall be entitled to be present, and to see that the machines are properly prepared and placed in proper condition and order for use.

1939, ch. 687, sec. 224AC.

**296.** Except as changed, modified or otherwise provided by the terms of Sections 294 to 298, inclusive, and in so far as the sections of law hereinafter enumerated in this section are applicable, the use of voting machines in any county, and the duties of the Board of Supervisors of Election of said County, and the duties of the Judges of Election of said County in connection therewith, and penalties for the violation of the provisions of Sections 294-298, shall be regulated and governed by the same laws as are applicable to use of voting machines in Baltimore City under the terms and provisions of Sections 263 to 282.

1939, ch. 687, sec. 224AD.

**297.** Wherever possible, the provisions of Sections 294 to 298, inclusive, shall be construed in harmony with existing laws. If any of the provisions of said sections shall be judicially declared to be invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions hereof shall not be thereby affected, but shall remain in full force and effect.