

WHEREAS, the use of voting machines in elections is beneficial to the public, and is more economical than the use of paper ballots, and insures prompt returns of elections, affords secrecy in voting and prevents the spoiling of ballots, and insures an accurate count of the votes cast, therefore:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That Section 224 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (Edition of 1924), title "Elections", sub-title "Voting Machines", and that Section 224A of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Public General Laws of Maryland (1935 Supplement), title "Elections", sub-title "Voting Machines", be and the same are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments to read as follows:*

224. The Election Supervisors of the respective counties are hereby given power and authority to determine what precincts in the respective counties shall be first equipped with voting machines, and the said Election Supervisors of the respective counties are hereby authorized to purchase from time to time such machines as meet their approval and in such number as they deem advisable, payment for said machines to be made out of money appropriated for that purpose.

224A. The Board of Supervisors of Election for Baltimore City is hereby directed, in all future elections, to use the voting machines heretofore purchased by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. A Board composed of the members for the time being of the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City and the members for the time being of the Board of Supervisors of Election of Baltimore City is hereby constituted, and is authorized, empowered and directed to purchase a sufficient number of voting machines for use in all polling places throughout the City of Baltimore at all primary, general, special and other elections, held or to be held in said City after the 1st day of January, 1938. The expenses incurred by said Board and the cost of such voting machines shall, upon the requisition of said Board, be audited by the Comptroller of Baltimore City, who shall pay the same by warrant drawn upon the proper officers of said City. Said Board is authorized and empowered to determine by majority vote such specifications supplementary to the specifications hereinafter set forth as it may deem proper for voting machines acquired, or to be acquired, by it, and to select in its discretion the type and make of such voting machines, and, in its discretion, to employ engineers or other skilled persons to advise and aid said Board in the exercise of the powers and duties hereby conferred upon it. Such voting machines, when purchased, shall