

(g) The machine shall remain locked against voting until the polls are opened, and shall not be operated except by voters in voting. If any counter is found not to register zero (000), the judges of election shall immediately notify the custodian, or the Board of Supervisors of Election, who shall, if practicable, adjust or cause the counters to be adjusted at zero (000); but, if it shall be found impracticable for the custodian or other person authorized by the said Board to arrive in time so to adjust such counters before the time set for opening the polls, the judges shall immediately make a written record of the designation or designating letter or number of each counter, together with the number registered thereon, hereinbelow called the initial number, and shall sign and post the same upon the wall of the polling-place, where it shall remain until the polls are closed; and, in filling out the returns of the election, if the final number of such counter is greater than the initial number, the election officers shall subtract the initial number from the final number and enter the difference on the returns as the vote for the candidate or on the question represented by such counter; if the final number of such counter is less than the initial number, the judges of election shall add one thousand to the final number and shall subtract the initial number from the sum so ascertained, and shall enter upon the returns as the vote for the candidate or on the question represented by such counter the final number plus one thousand less the initial number.

(h) The exterior of the voting machine, and every part of the polling-place, shall be in plain view of the judges of election and watchers. Every voting machine shall be located in the polling-place, at least six feet back of the guard-rail, in such a position that, unless its construction shall require otherwise, the ballot-labels on the face of the machine can be seen plainly by the judges of election and watchers when the machine is not occupied by a voter. The judges of election shall not themselves be, nor allow any other person to be, in any position that will permit one to see or ascertain how a voter votes, or how he has voted. The said judges, or one of them, shall inspect the face of the machine at frequent intervals, to see that the ballot-labels are in their proper places, and that the machine has not been injured or tampered with.

(i) During an election, the door, or other covering of the compartment containing the counters of the machine, shall not be unlocked or opened, or the counters exposed, except by the action of the proper custodian of voting machines for good and sufficient reason, a statement of which shall be made in writing and signed by him and attested by the signatures of the judges of election, or except upon the written order