

to receive the same, if the construction of the voting machine shall permit their separate return. Said envelope shall have indorsed thereon a certificate of the election officers, stating the number of the machine, the precinct where it has been used, the number on the seal, and the number on the protective counter or device at the close of the polls.

(d) As soon as possible after the completion of the count, the Board of Supervisors of Election shall have the voting machine properly boxed or securely covered and removed to a place of storage to be designated by said Board.

224-Q. The general return sheet, triplicate return sheets, and statement, shall be printed to conform with the type of voting machine used. The designating number and letter, if any, on the counter for each candidate shall be printed thereon opposite the candidate's name. Immediately after the vote has been ascertained, the statement thereof shall be posted on the door of the polling-place. Thereupon, each of the judges shall take into his possession one of the above mentioned return sheets, sealed up in its envelope as aforesaid, and the meeting of said judges shall then be dissolved. Thereupon the said judges shall forthwith deliver the said return sheets to the respective officers to whom they are addressed, as aforesaid, and shall take receipts therefor.

224-R. After each general or special election, the voting machine shall remain locked against voting for the thirty days next following such election, and as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of any existing or threatened contest over the result of the election, with due regard for the date of the next following election, except that it may be opened and all the data and figures therein examined, upon the order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or judge thereof, or by direction of any legislative committee to investigate and report upon contested elections affected by the use of such machine, and such data and such figures shall be examined by such court, judge or committee in the presence of the officer having the custody of such machine. A notice of contest shall be given to the Supervisors of Election, as provided in Section 144 of this Article as to general and special elections, and as provided in Section 217 thereof as to primary elections, upon receipt of which notice said Supervisors shall proceed as directed by Section 224-A of this Article.

224-S. Whenever it shall appear that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any precinct, or, upon petition of three voters of any precinct, verified by affidavit, that an error, although