

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That five new sections be and they are hereby added to Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, title "Elections", sub-title "Voting Machines", said new sections to be known as Sections 224AA to 224AE, inclusive, to follow immediately after Section 224W of said Article, and to read as follows:

224AA. The Board of Supervisors of Election of any county, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners of said county, are authorized and empowered to purchase, rent, lease or otherwise acquire such number of voting machines as may be required to equip any or all of the polling places in said county as now established or as may hereafter be established, such voting machines to be acquired in such manner and on such terms as may be agreed upon by and between the Board of Supervisors of Election and the Board of County Commissioners of said County. The Board of County Commissioners of said County, for the purpose of such purchase, or rent or lease of voting machines, may provide by contract for payment therefor upon such terms and in instalments of such amounts and payable at such times as the Board of County Commissioners shall deem for the best interest of the county. In the event of the leasing, rental or other acquisition of voting machines, such machines shall not be assessable for the purpose of State, County or municipal taxation, and shall be exempt from tax.

224AB. The Board of Supervisors of Election of any county, is authorized to rearrange, consolidate, subdivide or otherwise re-establish precinct or polling place boundaries for the purpose of establishing polling places best suited, in the judgment of the said Board of Supervisors of Election, for the use of voting machines; provided, however, that at least one voting machine shall be furnished for each unit of four hundred voters and an 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 canvass, 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