

Code of Maryland, 1939 Edition, title "Elections," sub-title "Voting Machines," Sub-section "Montgomery County," providing for the duties of election officials, and relating to the period during which voting machines shall remain locked and sealed after elections, and for examination and inspection thereof, and fixing penalties, for violations.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Sections 287, 288, 289 and 293 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, 1939 Edition, title "Elections," sub-title "Voting Machines," sub-section "Montgomery County," be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted with amendments and all to read as follows:

287. DUTIES OF ELECTION OFFICIALS. The judges of election appointed for polling places in Montgomery County wherein voting machines may be installed shall meet at their respective polls on election day at least one-half hour before the opening of the polls, and shall then inspect the equipment furnished, and if at least two judges of election of opposite party affiliation are present, they shall open the envelope containing the keys to each voting machine and shall unlock the counter compartment and ascertain whether the tabulating devices are all set at zero (000), and whether the numbered seal on the operating lever is unbroken, and that the number thereon is identical with the number certified on the envelope containing the said keys. They shall also compare the number appearing on the dials of the exposed counter designed to register every consecutive operation of the machine, with the reading thereof noted on the said envelope containing said keys. They shall inspect the face of the machine to make sure that the proper ballot labels are in the proper places, and that the machine is otherwise ready for use. If after such inspection the said judges shall find the machine to be in proper order, they shall sign a certificate to that effect, which shall be returned to the Supervisors of Elections with other equipment; and after signing such certificate they shall remove the metal seal on the operating lever at the time set for the opening of the polls, and said lever shall then be operated only by duly qualified voters for the purpose of registering their respective votes. One of the judges of Election shall issue to each voter found upon the registers to be qualified, an official voter's certificate on a form provided by the Board of Supervisors of Elections, whereon said judge shall enter a number corresponding with said voter's number on the poll book,