

and general return, if any, to the proper officials named on the envelopes containing the same, and shall deliver the other equipment to the Board of Supervisors of Elections and obtain receipt for the same. After the statements of votes cast have been canvassed in the manner provided by law for the canvassing of ballots, the original statements of votes cast shall be carefully preserved by the Board of Canvassers and shall be delivered to the Board of Supervisors of Elections, to be filed and safely kept in their office for the space of four months counting from the second day after such election. Said original statements of votes cast shall be evidence in any contest for any of the offices for which there were candidates at such election, or concerning the vote on any question submitted.

289. All voting machines used in any primary, general or special election in Montgomery County shall remain locked and sealed thereafter for a period of fifteen days next succeeding such election, after which time such machines may be unsealed and made available for further use; provided, however, that if said Board of Supervisors of Elections shall, within fifteen days from the date of any election, receive notice in writing of any contest over the result of said election, then said Board shall within five days after receipt of such notice, and in the presence of the principals involved in any such contest, or their authorized attorneys or representatives, proceed to unlock said machines for the purpose of permitting an examination of the dials thereof, and after allowing those present a reasonable opportunity to inspect and make record of the dial readings, the said voting machines shall forthwith be unsealed and made available for use in any succeeding election.

293. Any Judge of Election, or other person, who shall violate any of the provisions of this chapter, or who shall attempt or offer to register a vote, or who shall register a vote upon any voting machine in any polling place in Montgomery County, without having had lawfully issued to him or her an official voter's certificate as hereinbefore provided; and any person who shall tamper with, injure, or attempt to injure or deface any voting machine or equipment used in connection therewith, used or to be used in any election in Montgomery County, or who shall unlawfully break or attempt to break any official seal placed upon any such voting machine; or who shall make or have in his or her possession without proper authority any key for any such voting machine, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction of any of such offenses shall be sentenced to undergo imprisonment