

five days from the receipt of such notice and in the presence of the principals involved in any such contest or their authorized representatives, shall proceed to inspect and examine the voting machines containing the votes cast for such contested office, and shall make a record of the votes for such office as shown on said machine; they shall duly certify said record as correct; shall affix their signatures thereto and preserve the same for use in such contest as evidence of the votes cast for such office upon said machines. Such record shall be received as evidence as fully as if proved by the oral testimony of the persons who shall sign the same, or by the production of said voting machines in court or before said Board. After such inspection, examination and recording of the results thereof the said voting machines shall be released and made available for use in any succeeding election.

91. 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 not apparent on the face of the returns, has been committed therein, the Board of Canvassers shall, at any time prior to the completion of the computation of all the returns for the city, summon the judges of election of the precinct, and said judges, in the presence of said Board, shall make a record of the number of the seal upon the voting machine, and the number on the protective counter or other device, shall make visible the registering counters of such machine, and, without unlocking the machine against voting, shall recanvass the vote cast thereon. Before making such recanvass, the said Board shall give notice in writing to the custodian of voting machines, and to each candidate, and to the chairman of the county or city committee of each party affected by the canvass, and each such candidate may be present in person, or by attorney, and each of such parties may send two representatives to be present at such recanvass. If, upon such recanvass, it shall be found that the original canvass of the returns has been correctly made from the machine, and that the discrepancy still remains unaccounted for, the said Board, with the assistance of the custodian, in the presence of the judges of election and the authorized candidates and representatives, shall unlock the voting and counting mechanism of the machine, and shall proceed thoroughly to examine and test the machine to determine and reveal the true cause or causes, if any, of the discrepancy in returns from such machine. Each counter shall be reset at zero (000) before it is tested, after which it shall be operated at least one hundred times. After the completion of such examination and test, the custodian shall then and there prepare a statement, in writing, giving in detail the result of the examination and test, and such statement shall be witnessed