

shall be returned by the judges of election to the officials authorized by law to receive the same. The judges shall then compare the number of voters, as shown by the counter of the machine, with the number of those who have voted as shown by the voting authority cards in Baltimore City and the voters' certificates in the counties.

(b) *Information on Return Sheets.* The judges, in the presence of the watchers and all other persons who may be lawfully within the polling place, shall then make visible the registering counters, and, for that purpose, shall unlock and open the doors, or other covering concealing the same, giving full view of all the counter numbers. The judges, under the scrutiny of the watchers, and in the order of the offices as their titles are arranged on the machine, shall read and announce, in distinct tones, the designation or designating number and letter on each counter for each candidate's name, the result as shown by the counter numbers, and/or the designation or designating numbers and letters on each counter, and the results as shown by the counter numbers for and against each question voted on. The counter shall not be read consecutively along the party rows or columns, but shall always be read along the office columns or rows, completing the canvass for each office or question before proceeding to the next. The vote as registered shall be entered by the judges, in ink, on triplicate return sheets, and also on a general return sheet and statement, all of which, after the canvass is completed, shall be signed by the judges. If more than one voting machine is used in any precinct, the vote registered on each machine shall be ascertained in like manner, and separately entered in appropriate spaces on the general and triplicate return sheets and statement. The total vote cast for each candidate, and for and against each question, shall then be computed and entered on the general and triplicate return sheets and statement. There shall also be entered on the general return sheet and statement the number of voters who have voted, as shown by the list of voters and the number who have voted on each machine, as shown by the public counters, and also the number registered on the protective counter or device on each machine immediately prior to the opening of the polls and immediately after the closing thereof and sealing of the machine. The number or other designation of each machine used shall also be entered thereon. In case of primary elections, triplicate return sheets shall be prepared for each party. The registering counters of the voting machines shall remain exposed to view until the said returns and all other reports have been fully completed. During such time, any candidate, or duly accredited watchers, who may desire to be present, shall be admitted to the polling place.

(c) *Disposition of Return Sheets.* The proclamation of the result of the votes cast shall be announced distinctly and audibly by one of the judges of election, who shall read the name of each candidate, the designation or designating numbers and letters of his counters and the vote registered on each counter, and also the vote cast for and against each question submitted. During such proclamation ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to compare the results so announced with the counter dials of the machine, and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made by the judges after which the doors or other cover of the voting machine shall be closed and locked and the return sheet shall be signed by