

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.

(c) The machine shall remain locked against voting until the polls are opened, and shall not be operated except by voters in voting. If any counter is found not to register zero (000), the judges of election shall immediately notify the custodian, or the board of supervisors of elections, who shall, if practicable, adjust or cause the counters to be adjusted at zero (000); but if it shall be found impracticable for the custodian or other person authorized by the said board to arrive in time so to adjust such counter before the time set for opening the polls, the judges shall immediately make a written record of the designation or designating letter or number of each counter, together with the numbers registered thereon, hereinbelow called the initial numbers, and shall sign and post the same upon the wall of the polling place, where it shall remain until the polls are closed; *if the machine is so constructed as to furnish a printed or photographic record of the setting of the counters and the numbers registered thereon by voting and if it shall be found impracticable for the custodian or other person authorized by the said board to arrive in time so as to adjust such counter before the time set for opening the polls there shall be posted as above provided in lieu of the written record of the judges the printed or photographic record of the counter setting furnished by the machine.* [and,] In filling out the return of the election, if the final number of such counter is greater than the initial number, the election officers shall subtract the initial number from the final number and enter the difference on the returns as the vote for the candidate or on the question represented by such counter; if the final number of such counter is less than the initial number, the judges of election shall add one thousand to the final number and shall subtract the initial number from the sum so ascertained, and shall enter upon the returns, as the vote for the candidate or on the question represented by such counter the final number plus one thousand less the initial number.

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(b) The judges, in the presence of the watchers and all other persons who may be lawfully within the polling place, shall then, *except in the case where the machine is so constructed as to furnish a printed or photographic record of the setting of the counters and the numbers registered thereon by voting*, 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 watcher, 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