

the voting machine shall be closed and locked and the return sheet shall be signed by each of the judges of election. If any judge shall decline to sign such return, he shall state his reason therefor in writing, and a copy thereof, signed by himself, shall be enclosed with such return. Each of the return sheets shall be enclosed in an envelope, which shall then be sealed with sealing wax, or other sealing material, and each of the judges shall write his name across the fold of the envelope. One of the triplicate return sheets shall be directed to the clerk of the circuit court of the county or of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, as the case may be, one to the county commissioners or county council of the county or to the mayor of the City of Baltimore, as the case may be, and one to the register of wills of the county or city, as the case may be, and the general return sheet and statement shall be directed to the board of supervisors of elections of the county or city, as the case may be. The judges of election shall promptly deliver the keys of the voting machine, enclosed in a sealed envelope, to the official authorized by law to receive the same, if the construction of the voting machine shall permit their separate return. Said envelope shall have endorsed thereon a certificate of the election officers, stating the number of the machine, the precinct where it has been used, the number on the seal, and the number on the protective counter or device at the close of the polls.

140. Verification of Voting Machines.

(a) Within ten days after each general or primary election, the supervisors of elections of Baltimore City and of each county using voting machines, *shall verify and recanvass the vote cast thereon. In the case of voting machines which have not provided a printed or photographic record of the numbers registered on the counters by voting, the supervisors of elections shall make a record of the number of the seal and the number on the protective counter, if one is provided, of each voting machine used in each election precinct or district in each said general or primary election [.] ; they shall open the counter compartment of each such machine and without unlocking such machine against voting, shall verify and recanvass the votes cast thereon. In the case of voting machines which have provided a printed or photographic record of the numbers registered on the counters by voting the supervisors of elections shall verify and recanvass the votes cast as shown by the printed or photographic record pertaining to each such machine used in each election precinct or district in each said general or primary election.* Before making [such] any verification and recanvass, the supervisors of elections shall give notice, in writing, to the custodian of the voting machines to be recanvassed and to the chairman of the State Central Committee of each party which shall have nominated candidates for said general election or shall have candidates for nomination at said primary election. Each of the said chairmen shall have the right to appoint and designate two representatives who shall each have the right personally to examine and make a copy of the vote recorded on the machines.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.*

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