

provided herein for the examination of counters to ascertain that all are set at zero (000); (3) The judges shall inspect the face of every machine to make sure the proper ballot labels are in proper places, and that the machine is otherwise ready for use.

(c) If after such an inspection the judges shall find the machine to be in proper order, they shall sign a certificate to that effect, which shall be returned to the board with other equipment; and after signing such certificate they shall remove the metal 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.

(d) The machine shall remain locked against voting until the polls are opened, and shall not be operated except by voters in voting.

(e) If any counter is found not to register zero (000), the judges shall immediately notify the custodian, or the board 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 board to arrive in time so as 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 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. 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 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.

(f) The exterior of the voting machine, and every part of the polling place shall be in plain view of the judges and watchers. Every voting machine shall be located in the polling place, in such a position that, unless its construction shall require otherwise, the ballot can be seen plainly by the judges and watchers when the machine is not occupied by a voter. The judges shall not themselves be, nor allow any other person to be, in any position that will permit one to see or ascertain how a voter votes, or how he has voted. The said judges, or one of them, shall inspect the face of the machine at frequent intervals, to see that the ballot labels are in their proper places, and that the machine has not been damaged or tampered with.

(g) During an election, the door or other covering of the compartment containing the counters of the machine, shall not be un-