

[from the time the polls are opened until the returns are completed] ONE HALF HOUR BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS. HOWEVER, IF A MAJORITY OF THE ELECTION JUDGES PRESENT FIND THAT THE PRESENCE OF THE WATCHERS OR CHALLENGERS IN A POLLING PLACE BEFORE IT OPENS WILL PREVENT THE TIMELY OPENING OF THE POLLING PLACE, THE JUDGES MAY DIRECT ALL CHALLENGERS OR WATCHERS TO LEAVE THE POLLING PLACE. ELECTION JUDGES ARE NOT REQUIRED TO ADMIT TO A POLLING PLACE BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS ANY CHALLENGER OR WATCHER WHO WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE POLLING PLACE AT LEAST ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE ITS OPENING. A CHALLENGER OR WATCHER HAS THE RIGHT TO ENTER OR BE PRESENT AT A POLLING PLACE AT ANY TIME THE POLLS ARE OPEN, AND MAY REMAIN IN THE POLLING PLACE UNTIL THE RETURNS ARE COMPLETED.

(2) It [shall be] IS unlawful for any [such] challenger to inquire or ascertain for [what] WHICH candidate [or candidates] any voter [may intend] INTENDS to vote, or has voted, or to converse in the polling place with any voter or to assist [him] ANY VOTER in the preparation of his ballot or in the operation of the voting machine. Any challenger [offering or attempting to do so] WHO VIOLATES THE RESTRICTIONS OF THIS PARAGRAPH may lawfully be ejected by the judges and [shall also be] IS subject to the punishment [hereinafter] PROVIDED FOR in this article [provided].

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(b) The judges shall meet at their respective polls on election day at least one-half hour before the opening of the polls, and shall [then] ONE-HALF HOUR BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS inspect the equipment furnished. If at least two judges of opposite party affiliation are present: (1) They shall open the envelope containing the keys to each voting machine and shall, except in the case of machines so constructed as to furnish a printed or photographic record of the setting of the counters and the numbers registered thereon by voting, unlock the counter compartment to ascertain whether the tabulating devices are all set at zero (000), [and] whether the numbered seal on the operating lever is unbroken, and that the number thereon is identical with the number certified on the envelope containing [said] THE keys; (2) they shall also compare the number appearing on the dials of the exposed counter designed to register every consecutive operation of the machine with the reading thereof noted on the envelope containing the keys. If the machine is so constructed as to furnish a printed or photographic record of the setting of the vote-registering counters as they appear prior to the opening of the polls the counter compartment shall not be opened nor shall the counters be exposed to view and [such] THE printed or photographic record shall be examined in the same manner as provided [herein] IN THIS SUBSECTION for the examination of counters to ascertain that all are set at zero (000). [; (3) the] THE judges shall ALSO inspect the face of every machine to make sure