

POLITICAL PARTY, a written notice stating the times when and the place or places where the machines for use in the several polling places in the city or county will be prepared for use as above provided. At such times and places, one representative of each of the political parties, certified by the respective chairmen of the city or county committees of the parties, AND ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF EACH CANDIDATE WHO IS NOT A CANDIDATE OR NOMINEE OF A POLITICAL PARTY, shall be entitled to be present and be entitled to see that the machines are in proper condition and order for use.

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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 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), 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 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 the printed or photographic record shall be examined in the same manner as provided in this subsection for the examination of counters to ascertain that all are set at zero (000). The judges shall also 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[.]; (3) THEY SHALL INSPECT THE PAPER ROLL FOR A LABEL OR LINE THAT HAS BEEN SIGNED BY THE VOTING MACHINE CUSTODIAN AND INDICATES THE DATE OF THE ELECTION. IF A LABEL OR LINE IS NOT VISIBLE, ONE OF THE JUDGES SHALL DRAW A LINE, FROM SIDE TO SIDE, UPON THE PAPER ROLL AND DATE IT WITH THE ELECTION DATE. ALL JUDGES INSPECTING THE MACHINE SHALL PLACE THEIR INITIALS ON THE LINE.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Sections 16-12(d) and 16-16(a) (3) be and they are hereby added to Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows: