

Article 33 - Election Code

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(D) A VOTER MAY NOT BE ACCOMPANIED INTO A VOTING BOOTH OR VOTING MACHINE BY ANY PERSON OVER THE AGE OF ~~FOUR~~ FIVE YEARS UNLESS THE AFFIDAVIT REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (C) HAS BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE ELECTION JUDGES.

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(a) The judges, in the presence of any candidate, the duly accredited watchers, and all other persons who may be lawfully within the polling place, shall then proceed as follows to tabulate the votes cast:

(3) IF THE LABEL OR LINE THAT WAS VISIBLE BEFORE THE POLLS OPENED IS NOW INVISIBLE, ONE JUDGE SHALL DRAW AND DATE A NEW LINE ON THE PAPER ROLL AND ALL JUDGES CANVASSING THE MACHINE SHALL INITIAL THE LINE. THE PAPER ROLL SHALL BE LEFT INTACT IN THE VOTING MACHINE.

SECTION 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 17-4(a) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1976 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(a) (1) Within ten days after each election, each board as a part of its canvass shall verify the votes cast on the voting machines. THE PAPER ROLL SHALL BE INSPECTED FOR VOTES CAST FOR WRITE-IN CANDIDATES, AND A TABULATION OF ALL SUCH VOTES CAST SHALL BECOME A PART OF THE OFFICIAL CANVASS. 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 board 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 election; it shall open the counter compartment of each machine and without unlocking the machine against voting, shall verify the votes cast.

In the case of voting machines which have provided a printed or photographic record of the numbers registered on the counters by voting the board shall verify the votes cast as shown by the printed or photographic record pertaining to each machine used in each election precinct or district in each election. Before making any verification, the board shall give notice, in writing, to the custodian of the voting machines [and], to the Chairman of the central committee of [each] ANY party in the counties or in Baltimore City which shall have nominated candidates for any general election or shall have candidates for nomination at any primary election[. Each of the chairmen has] AND TO EVERY CANDIDATE WHO IS