

NO. 322.

AN ACT

To amend sections one, three, four, five, six, seven, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen, nineteen, twenty-one, twenty-two, twenty-three, and twenty-seven of the act, approved the eighteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred forty-nine), entitled "An act to permit the use of voting machines for recording and computing the vote at all elections, including primaries, in any county, city, borough or township of the Commonwealth, at the option of the electors thereof; prescribing regulations with reference to the adoption, requirements, examination, purchase, installation, preparation, custody and demonstration of use of voting machines; providing rules and regulations for the conduct of elections held with voting machines; prescribing the qualifications, number and duties of election officers in election districts in which voting machines may be used; placing duties upon county commissioners and the Secretary of the Commonwealth; providing for redivision of wards of cities and boroughs into election districts, and the consolidation of election districts; providing for the payment of expenses incident to the purchase and use of voting machines by the counties in which they are used; and providing penalties for violation of the provisions of this act."

Section 1. Be it enacted, &c., That section one of the act, approved the eighteenth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine (Pamphlet Laws, five hundred forty-nine), entitled "An act to permit the use of voting machines for recording and computing the vote at all elections, including primaries, in any county, city, borough or township of the Commonwealth, at the option of the electors thereof; prescribing regulations with reference to the adoption, requirements, examination, purchase, installation, preparation, custody and demonstration of use of voting machines; providing rules and regulations for the conduct of elections held with voting machines; prescribing the qualifications, number and duties of election officers in election districts in which voting machines may be used; placing duties upon county commissioners and the Secretary of the Commonwealth; providing for redivision of wards of cities and boroughs into election districts, and the consolidation of election districts; providing for the payment of expenses incident to the purchase and use of voting machines by the counties in which they are used; and providing penalties for violation of the provisions of this act," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Definition of Terms.—Be it enacted, &c., That the list of [officers] *offices* and candidates, and the statements of questions on the voting machine shall be deemed an "official ballot."

As used in this act:

(1) The words "ballot-labels" shall mean the cards, paper, or other material, containing the names of offices

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and candidates and statements of questions to be voted on;

(2) The word "diagram" shall mean an illustration of the official ballot, when placed upon the machine, showing the names of the parties, offices, and candidates, and statements of the questions, in their proper places, together with the voting devices therefor, and shall be considered a [sample] *specimen* ballot;

(3) The word "question" shall mean a statement of such constitutional amendment or other proposition as shall be submitted to a popular vote at any election;

(4) The words "irregular ballot" shall mean the paper or other material on which a vote is cast on a voting machine for persons whose names do not appear on the ballot-labels;

(5) The words "vote indicator" shall mean those devices with which votes are indicated for candidates, or for or against questions;

(6) The words "candidate counters," and "question counters," shall mean the counters on which are registered numerically the votes cast for candidates, and on questions, respectively;

(7) The words "public counter" shall mean a counter or other device which shall, at all times, publicly indicate how many times the machine has been voted on at an election;

(8) The words "protective counter" shall mean a counter or ["] protective device ["] or devices that will register each time the machine is operated, and shall be constructed and so connected that it cannot be reset, altered, or operated, except by operating the machine;

(9) The words "voting machine booth" shall mean the enclosure occupied by the voter when voting;

(10) The word "model" shall mean a mechanically operating model of a portion of the face of the machine, illustrating the manner of voting;

(11) The word "custodian" shall mean the person charged with the duty of testing and preparing the voting machine for the election, and instructing the election officers in the use of the voting machine;

(12) The words "election" and "elections," whenever used in this act, shall be held to include and mean all general, municipal, primary and special elections;

(13) The word "borough" shall be held to include incorporated town.

Section 2. That clauses (a), (b) and (d) of section three of the said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 3. Placing the Question on the Ballot; Election Thereon.—

(a) The county commissioners may, upon their own

motion, submit to the qualified electors of the county, or of any city, borough or township thereof, at any *general or municipal* election, the question "Shall voting machines be used in the (county, city, borough, or township) of?"

(b) The county commissioners, upon receipt of a request from the council of any city or borough, or from the commissioners or supervisors of any township, said request being evidenced by the filing of a copy of a resolution certified by the secretary or clerk of the council, commissioners or supervisors, or upon the filing of a petition with them signed by qualified electors of the county, city, borough or township, equal in number to at least one per cent of the total number of electors who voted in said county, city, borough or township at the preceding general or municipal election, but in no case less than fifty, unless the total number of electors who voted therein at the preceding general or municipal election was less than one hundred, in which case one-half of the number so voting shall be sufficient,—shall, at the next general *or* municipal [or primary] election, occurring at least sixty days thereafter, submit to the qualified electors of such county, city, borough or township, the question "Shall voting machines be used in the (county, city, borough, or township) of?"

(d) The election on said question shall be held at the places, during the hours, and under the regulations, provided by law for holding general and municipal elections, and shall be conducted by the election officers provided by law to conduct such [election] *elections*. The election officers shall count the votes cast at the elections on said question, and shall make return thereof to the prothonotary of the county as required by law. Said returns shall be computed by the court of common pleas, or other return board, and, when so computed, a certificate of the total number of electors voting "Yes" and of the total number of electors voting "No" on such question shall be filed in the office of the prothonotary, and [a copy] *copies* thereof, certified by the prothonotary, shall forthwith be furnished to the *Secretary of the Commonwealth and to the county commissioners*.

Section 3. That clauses (a), (d) and (e) of section four of the said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Clauses
a, d and
e of section
4 amended.

Section 4. Installation of Voting Machines.—

(a) If a majority of the qualified electors voting on the question shall vote in the affirmative, the county commissioners of the said county shall purchase for each election district of such county, city, borough or township,* [one or more voting machines,] of a kind or kinds approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, as

* Through error the brackets were left in on final passage of the bill. They should have been eliminated.

hereinafter provided, *and of sufficient capacity to accommodate the names of a reasonable number of candidates for all public and party offices which, under the provisions of existing laws and party rules, are likely to be voted for at any future election*, and shall notify the Secretary of the Commonwealth, in writing, that they have done so. The county commissioners shall provide machines in good working order, and shall preserve and keep them in repair. Voting machine of different kinds may be used for different districts in the same county, city, borough or township. In each election district in which voting machines are used, the county commissioners may provide one voting machine for each [six] *five* hundred registered voters, or fraction thereof, therein, and shall provide one voting machine for each [eight] *six* hundred registered voters, or fraction thereof, therein.

(d) If the question hereinbefore provided shall have been submitted to the qualified electors of the county, city, borough or township, and the majority of the electors voting thereon shall have voted favorably thereon, and if the county commissioners shall not, within one year, have executed their contract or contracts *providing* for the purchase or procurement of voting machines for use at the next general, municipal or primary election, occurring at least one year and sixty days after the referendum, then the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall forthwith, in writing, notify the said county commissioners that, after the expiration of thirty days, he, under the authority of this act, on behalf of the said county, will award, make, and execute such contract or contracts, unless the said county commissioners meanwhile shall have made and executed the same.

(e) If, upon the expiration of said thirty days, the county commissioners still shall not have made and executed the contract or contracts *providing for the delivery of machines as aforesaid*, the Secretary of the Commonwealth, on behalf of the said county and upon the approval of the Attorney General as to form, shall thereupon award, make, and execute a contract or contracts for the purchase or procurement of [one] *a sufficient number of* voting [machine] *machines*, approved as required by this act, for each election district within each such county, city, borough or township; and the cost of such voting machines, including the delivery thereof, and of making and entering into the said contract or contracts, including the preparation and printing of specifications and all other necessary expense incidental thereto, shall be the debt of the said county, and, upon the certificate of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, it shall be the duty of the controller, if any, to allow, and of the treasurer of the county to pay, the sum out of any

appropriation available therefor, or out of the first unappropriated moneys that come into the treasury of the county.

Section 4. That clause (a) of section five of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Clause a
of section 5
amended.

Section 5. Changing the Boundaries of Election Districts.—

(a) The courts of quarter sessions shall, upon petition, redivide wards of cities or boroughs, where voting machines are adopted, into election districts of compact and contiguous territory, or shall consolidate election districts therein into new districts, each having [eight] *five* hundred registered voters as nearly as may be, except that districts having less than [eight] *five* hundred registered voters may be created whenever the court shall be of opinion that the convenience of the voters and the public interests will be promoted thereby.

Section 5. That clauses (a), (b), (c), (e) and (f) of section six of the said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Clauses
a, b, c,
e and f
of section
6 amended.

Section 6. Examination and Approval of Voting Machines by Secretary of the Commonwealth.—

(a) Any person or corporation owning, manufacturing or selling, or being interested in the manufacture or sale of, any voting machine may request the Secretary of the Commonwealth to examine the machine. *Any ten or more persons, being qualified electors of this Commonwealth, may, at any time, request the Secretary of the Commonwealth to reexamine any voting machine theretofore examined and approved by him.* Before [the] *any such* examination or reexamination, [such] *the* person, *persons*, or corporation, *requesting such examination or reexamination*, shall pay to the [treasury] *treasurer* of the Commonwealth an examination fee of four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450). *The Secretary of the Commonwealth may, at any time, in his discretion, reexamine any voting machine.*

(b) The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall thereupon require such machine to be examined *or reexamined* by three examiners, whom he shall appoint for the purpose, of whom one shall be an expert in patent law, and the other two shall be experts in mechanics, and shall require of them a written report on such machine, attested by their signatures; and the Secretary of the Commonwealth himself shall examine the machine, and shall make and file in his office, together with the reports of the examiners appointed by him, his own report, attested by his signature and the seal of his office, stating whether, in his opinion and in consideration of the reports of the examiners aforesaid, the kind of machine so examined can be safely used by electors at elections as provided in this act. If his report states that the

machine can be so used, the machine shall be deemed approved, and machines of its kind may be adopted for use at elections as herein provided.

(c) No kind of voting machine not so approved shall be used at any election, and if, upon the reexamination of any voting machine previously approved, it shall appear that the machine so reexamined can no longer be safely used by electors at elections as provided in this act, the approval of the same shall forthwith be revoked by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, and no such voting machines shall thereafter be purchased for use in this Commonwealth.

(e) Neither the Secretary of the Commonwealth, nor any examiner appointed by him for the purpose prescribed by this section, nor any county commissioner, shall have any pecuniary interest in any voting machine, or in the manufacture or sale thereof.

(f) Each examiner appointed hereunder shall receive a compensation of one hundred and fifty dollars (\$150) for each different type of voting machine examined by him. [Which shall be paid by the proper fiscal officer of the Commonwealth, upon the proper voucher or certificate of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, out of any moneys received as fees for the examination of voting machines.]

Section 6. That the first paragraph, and clauses (h), (j), (s) and (t), of section seven of the said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 7. Requirements of Voting Machines.—No voting machine shall, upon any examination or reexamination, be approved by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, or by any examiner appointed by him, unless it shall, at the time, satisfy the following requirements:

(h) It shall permit each voter to change his vote for any candidate, or upon any question appearing upon the ballot labels, up to the time he [leaves the voting machine.] begins the final operation to register his vote, or indicates or expresses his intention to register his vote.

(j) It shall have voting devices for separate candidates and questions, which shall be arranged in separate parallel rows or columns, so that, at any primary election, one or more adjacent rows or columns may be assigned to the candidates of a party, and shall have parallel office columns or rows transverse thereto.

[(s) It shall be so constructed that each separate voting device, which is not to be used at an election, may be locked against use during that election.]

[(t) During] (s) It shall be so constructed and controlled that, during the progress of voting, it shall preclude every person from seeing or knowing the number of votes registered for any candidate, and from tampering with any of the registering mechanism.

First
paragraph
and clauses
h, j, s and
t of section
7 amended.

Section 7. That section nine of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 9
amended.

Section 9. Demonstration of Voting Machines.— Whenever a referendum is about to be held upon the adoption of voting machines in any county, city, borough or township, the county [commissioners] *commissioners* shall purchase, lease or borrow a reasonable number of voting machines for demonstration purposes in such county, city, borough or township, prior to such referendum.

Section 8. That clause (a) of section ten of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Clause a
of section 10
amended.

Section 10. Form of Ballot-Labels on Voting Machines.—

(a) The papers, cards or strips, enclosed within the ballot frame or frames of any voting machine, and containing the names of a candidate or candidates, or political party, or the statement of a question to be voted upon, hereinafter referred to as ballot-labels, shall be printed in black ink, upon clear white material, of such size as will fit the ballot frame, and in [as] plain clear type [as the space will reasonably permit.] *so as to be easily readable by persons with normal vision.*

Section 9. That clauses (a), (b) and (d) of section eleven of the said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

Clauses
a, b and
d of section
11 amended.

Section 11. Preparation of Voting Machines by County Commissioners.—

(a) The county commissioners of each county shall cause the proper ballot-labels to be placed on each voting machine which is to be used in any election district within such county; and shall cause each machine to be placed in proper order for voting; shall examine each machine before it is sent out to a polling place; shall see that each registering counter, *except the protective counter*, on each machine is set at zero (000); shall lock each machine so that the counting machinery cannot be operated; and shall seal each machine with a numbered seal. The county commissioners *or their duly authorized agent* shall adjust each machine, to be used at a primary election, so that the election officers may lock it on *primary* election day, in such a way that each voter can vote only for the candidates for nonpartisan nomination, if any, and for the candidates seeking nomination by the political party in which he is enrolled, if he is enrolled as a member of a political party, and so that no voter can vote for the candidates seeking nomination by any political party in which he is not enrolled.

(b) The county commissioners shall appoint [not more than] one custodian [for every twenty] *of voting machines, and such deputy custodians as may be necessary, whose duty it* [who] shall be to prepare the ma-

achines to be used in the county at the elections to be held therein. Each custodian *and deputy custodian* shall receive from the county, for each day he is actually employed under the provisions of this act, such compensation as shall be fixed by the county commissioners, but not less than five dollars or more than ten dollars per day. Such custodian shall, under the direction of the county commissioners, have charge of and represent the county commissioners during the preparation of the voting machines as required by this act, and *he and the deputy custodians, whose duty it shall be to assist him in the discharge of his duties*, shall serve at the pleasure of the county commissioners. Each custodian shall take the constitutional oath of office, which shall be filed with the county commissioners.

(d) The custodian [or] *and deputy* custodians of voting machines shall make a certificate, in writing, which each shall sign, and request each representative of a party or a citizens organization as aforesaid present at the preparation of the machine to attest, and which shall be filed with the county commissioners, stating (1) the identifying number or other designation of the voting machine; (2) that each registering counter of the machine was set at zero (000); (3) the number registered on the protective counter or other device of the machine; and (4) the number on the seal with which the machine is sealed.

Clause a
of section 12
amended.

Section 10. That clause (a) of section twelve of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 12. Delivery of Voting Machines and Supplies by County Commissioners to Election Officers.—

(a) The county commissioners shall deliver the proper voting machine or voting machines, *properly furnished with ballot-labels*, to the polling-places of the respective election districts at least one hour before the time set for opening the polls at [an]each election, [or primary,] and shall cause each machine to be set up in the proper manner for use in voting. Each machine shall then remain sealed until the examination immediately preceding the opening of the polls prescribed by this act.

Section
13 amended.

Section 11. That section thirteen of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 13. [Number of] Election Officers; *Polling Places*.—

(a) The election board in each election district in which a voting machine is used shall consist of a judge of election and two inspectors of election, chosen as is now provided by law. There shall be no clerks on election boards in voting machine districts.

(b) Where more than one machine is to be used in an election district, [two machine inspectors shall be

appointed, one by each of the inspectors of election,] *the county commissioners shall, prior to each election, appoint, for each additional voting machine to be used in such district, one elector of the county, qualified to serve as an election officer, to serve as machine inspector in such district at such election, who shall receive the same compensation as [inspectors] an inspector of election, and whose duty it shall be to have charge of the operation of one of the voting machines under the supervision of the judge of election. Each machine inspector shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties.*

(c) *In election districts in which voting machines are used, the county commissioners may, in their discretion, procure and provide portable or movable polling places for any or all of such districts.*

Section 12. That section fourteen of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 14
amended.

Section 14. *Instruction of Election Officers.—Before each election, at which voting machines are to be used, the custodians shall instruct in the use of the machine, and in their duties in connection therewith, all judges and inspectors of election and machine inspectors who are to serve thereat and who have not previously been instructed and found qualified; and they shall give to each judge and inspector of election and machine inspector, who has received such instruction and is fully qualified to conduct the election with the machine, a certificate to that effect. For the purpose of giving such instruction, the custodians shall call such meeting or meetings of the judges and inspectors of election and machine inspectors as shall be necessary. Each judge and inspector of election and machine inspector shall, upon notice, attend any such meeting or meetings called for his instruction and receive such instructions as shall be necessary for the proper conduct of the elections with the machine, and, as compensation for the time spent in receiving such instructions, each judge and inspector of election and machine inspector, who shall qualify for and serve in the election, shall receive the sum of five dollars to be paid to him at the same time and in the same manner as compensation is paid to him for his services on election day. No judge or inspector of election or machine inspector shall serve in any election at which a voting machine is used, unless he shall have received such instruction and is fully qualified to perform his duties in connection with the machine, and has received a certificate to that effect from one of the custodians of the machines: Provided, however, That this shall not prevent the appointment of a judge or inspector of election or machine inspector to fill a vacancy arising on the day of election, or on the preceding day.*

Clauses
f and g
of section
15 amended.

Section 13. That clauses (f) and (g) of section 15 of the said act are hereby amended to read as follows:

(f) The judge and each inspector of election *and the overseers, if any*, shall sign a certificate showing: (1) *the identifying number or other designation of the voting machine*; (2) the delivery of the keys in a sealed envelope; [(2)] (3) the number on the seal upon the machine; [(3)] (4) the number registered on the protective counter or device; [(4)] (5) that all of the counters were set at zero (000); and [(5)] (6) that the ballot-labels are properly placed in the machine, which certificate shall be returned by the judge of election to the county commissioners with the other certificates as hereinafter provided.

(g) The machine shall remain locked against voting until the polls are opened, and shall not be operated except by voters in voting. If any counter is found not to register zero (000), the election officers shall immediately notify the custodian, or the county commissioners, 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 county commissioners to arrive in time so to adjust such counters before the time set for opening the polls, the election officers shall immediately make a written record of the designation or designating letter or number of each counter, together with the number registered thereon, *hereinbelow called the initial number*, and shall sign and post the same upon the wall of the polling place, where it shall remain until the polls are closed; and, in filling out the returns 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 election officers 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.* [they shall subtract such number from the number registered on the same counter when the polls are closed.]

Clause a
of section 16
amended.

Section 14. That clause (a) of section sixteen of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 16. Instruction of Voters Before an Election.—

(a) During the [sixty] *thirty* days next preceding an election, the county commissioners [may] *shall* place on public exhibition, in [any] *such* public [place] *places*,

and at such times as they may deem [desirable] *most suitable for the information and instruction of the voters*, one or more voting machines, containing the ballot-labels, and showing the offices and questions to be voted upon, the names and arrangements of parties, and, so far as practicable, the names and arrangement of the candidates to be voted for. Such machine or machines shall be under the charge and care of a person competent as custodian and instructor. No voting machine, which is to be assigned for use in an election, shall be used for such public exhibition and instruction, after having been prepared and sealed for the election.

Section 15. That clause (c) of section seventeen of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Clause c
of section 17
amended.

(c) If any voter, after entering the voting machine booth, and before the closing of such booth, shall ask for further instructions concerning the manner of voting, he may choose an election officer, or any qualified voter of the district, who shall give him such instructions, but no person giving a voter such instructions shall, in any manner, request, suggest, or seek to persuade or induce any such voter to vote any particular ticket, or for any particular candidate, or for or against any particular question. After giving such instructions, and before the elector *closes the booth or votes*, the election officer or qualified voter shall retire, and the voter shall forthwith vote.

Section 16. That clause (b) of section nineteen of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Clause b
of section 19
amended.

(b) Where two or more persons are to be elected to the same office, and the name of each candidate is placed upon or adjacent to a separate key, handle, pointer, or knob, and *if the type of voting machine being used* requires that all irregular ballots voted for that office be deposited, written or affixed in or upon a single receptacle or device, a voter may vote, in or by such receptacle or device, for one or more persons, whose names do not appear upon the machine, with or without the names of one or more persons whose names do so appear.

Section 17. That section twenty-one of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

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21 amended.

Section 21. Voting by Ballot.—If a method of election for any candidates or offices is prescribed by law, in which the use of voting machines is not possible or practicable, or in case, at any election, the number of candidates nominated or seeking nomination for any office renders the use of voting machines for such office at such election impracticable, *or if, for any other reason, at any election the use of voting machines is not possible or practicable*, the county commissioners may arrange to have the voting for such *or all* candidates or offices

conducted by paper ballots. In such cases, ballots shall be printed for such *or all* candidates or offices, and the election conducted by the election officers herein provided for, and the ballots counted and return thereof made in the manner required by law for such candidates or offices, in so far as paper ballots are used.

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22.

Section 18. That section twenty-two of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

*Section 22. Unofficial Ballot-Labels, Repair of Machine, or Use of Paper Ballots.—

(a) If ballot-labels for an election district, at which a voting machine is to be used, shall not be delivered to the election officers as required by section fifteen (e) of this act, the judge of election of such district shall cause other labels to be prepared, printed, or written, as nearly in the form of official ballot-labels as practicable, and the election officers shall cause the labels, so substituted, to be used at the election, in the same manner as near as may be as the official labels. Such labels, so substituted, shall be known as unofficial ballot-labels.

(b) If any voting machine being used in any election shall become out of order during such election, it shall, if possible, be repaired or another machine substituted by the custodian or county commissioners as promptly as possible, for which purpose the county commissioners may purchase as many extra voting machines as they may deem necessary, but in case such repair or substitution cannot be made, paper ballots, printed or written, and of any suitable form, may be used for the taking of votes.

Section 23
amended.

Section 19. That section twenty-three of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 23. Canvass of Vote and Disposition of Machine.—

(a) When the polls are closed, all qualified voters, who are then waiting within the voting room to vote, shall be permitted by the election officers to do so. As soon as the polls are closed, and the last voter has voted, the election officers shall immediately lock [the voting machine against voting,] *and seal the operating lever or mechanism of the machine so that the voting and counting mechanism will be prevented from operation, and they and the overseers, if any, shall then sign a certificate stating: (1) that the machine has been locked against voting and sealed; (2) the number of voters, as shown on the public counters; (3) the number on the seal which they have placed upon the machine; (4) the number registered on the protective counter or device; and (5) [that the voting machine is closed and locked,]*

* This section is a reenactment of the original section of the Act of April 18, 1929 (P. L. 549), without amendment. The proposed amendatory changes were eliminated in the passage of the bill.

the number or other designation of the voting machine, which certificate shall be returned by the judge of election to the county commissioners with the other certificates as herein provided. The election officers shall then compare the number of voters, as shown by the public counter of the machine, with the number of names written in, the numbered lists of voters, which lists shall then be placed in envelopes and sealed.

(b) The election officers, in the presence of the watchers and all other persons who may be lawfully within the polling place, shall then make visible the registering counters, and, for that purpose, shall unlock and open the doors, or other covering concealing the same, giving full view of all the counter numbers. The judge of election shall, under the scrutiny of the [majority and minority] *two inspectors of election, the overseers, if any,* and the watchers, and in the order of the offices as their titles are arranged on the machine, read and announce, in distinct tones, the designation or designating number and letter on each counter for each candidate's name, the result as shown by the counter numbers, the votes recorded for each office for persons other than nominated candidates, and the designation or designating numbers and letters on each counter, and the results as shown by the counter numbers for and against each question voted on. The counters shall not be read consecutively along the party rows or columns, but shall always be read along the office columns or rows, completing the canvass for each office or question before proceeding to the next. The vote as registered shall be entered by the election officers, in ink, on duplicate return sheets, and also on a general return sheet and statement, all of which, *after the canvass is completed,* shall be signed by the election officers *and certified by the overseers, if any.* The vote for presidential electors shall be computed and returned as provided hereinbefore in section nineteen of this act. If more than one voting machine is used in any election district, the vote registered on each machine shall be ascertained in like manner, and separately entered in appropriate spaces on the *general and duplicate return sheets and statement.* The total vote cast for each candidate, and for and against each question, shall then be computed and entered on the *general and duplicate return sheets* [and such totals only shall be entered on the general return sheet] and statement. *There shall also be entered on the general return sheet and statement the number of voters who have voted, as shown by the lists of voters, and the number who have voted on each machine, as shown by the public counters, and also the number registered on the protective counter or device on each machine immediately prior to the opening of the polls and*

immediately after the closing thereof and sealing of the machine. The number or other designation of each machine used shall also be entered thereon. In the case of primary elections, duplicate return sheets shall be prepared for each party. The registering counters of the voting machine shall remain exposed to view until the said returns, and all other reports have been fully completed and checked by the inspectors *and overseers, if any.* During such time, any candidate, or duly accredited watcher, who may desire to be present, shall be admitted to the polling place.

(c) The proclamation of the result of the votes cast shall be announced distinctly and audibly by the judge of election, who shall read the name of each candidate, the designation or designating numbers and letters of his counters and the vote registered on each counter, also the vote cast for and against each question submitted. During such proclamation, ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to compare the results so announced with the counter dials of the machine, and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made by the election officers, after which the doors or other cover of the voting machine shall be closed and locked. [Immediately upon the close of the polls, the election officers shall so lock or seal the operating lever or mechanism of the machine, that the voting and counting mechanism will be prevented from operation.] Any ballots deposited, written, or affixed, in or upon the voting machine, shall be inclosed in properly sealed packages, and properly indorsed, and shall be delivered by the judge of election as hereinafter provided. The judge of election shall promptly deliver to the county commissioners, or their duly authorized representative, the keys of the voting machine, inclosed in a sealed envelope, if the construction of the voting machine shall permit their separate return. Said envelope shall have indorsed thereon a certificate of the election officers, stating the number of the machine, the election district 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.

(d) As soon as possible after the completion of the count, the county commissioners shall have the voting machine properly boxed and removed to the place [or places] of storage provided for in this act.

Section 20. That clause (b) of section twenty-seven of the said act is hereby amended to read as follows:

(b) All voting machines, when not in use, shall be properly boxed or covered, and stored in a suitable place *or places as provided by this section.*

APPROVED—The 23rd day of June, A. D. 1931.

GIFFORD PINCHOT