

(h) In Primary Elections, the ballot-labels, containing the names of candidates seeking nomination by a political party, shall be segregated on the face of the machine in adjacent rows or columns by parties.

1937, ch. 94, sec. 224H.

267. (a) The Board of Supervisors of Elections shall cause the proper ballot labels to be placed on each voting machine which is to be used in any precinct of Baltimore City, and shall cause each machine to be placed in proper order for voting; and said Board or its duly authorized agent shall examine each machine before it is sent out to a polling place; shall see that the proper ballot labels are properly arranged on each machine and that each registering counter, except the protective counter, on each machine is set at zero (000); shall lock each machine so that the counting mechanism cannot be operated; and shall seal each machine with a numbered seal. The said Board, or its 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 seeking nomination by the political party with which he is affiliated, if he is affiliated with a political party, and so that no voter can vote for the candidates seeking nomination by any political party with which he is not affiliated.

(b) The said Board of Supervisors of Elections shall appoint one custodian of voting machines, and three deputy custodians, whose duty it shall be to prepare the machines to be used in the city at the election to be held therein. Such custodian shall, under the direction of the said Board, have charge of and represent the said Board 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 said Board. Each custodian shall take the constitutional oath of office, which shall be filed with the said Board.

(c) On or before the thirtieth day preceding an election, the said Board shall mail to the chairman of the city committee of each political party, which shall be entitled under existing laws to participate in primary elections within the city, a written notice, stating the times when and the place or places where the machines for use in the several election precincts in the city will be prepared for use. At such times and places, one representative of each of such political parties, certified by the respective chairmen of the city committees of such parties, shall be entitled to be present, and to see that the machines are properly prepared and are placed in proper condition and order for use.

(d) The custodian and deputy custodians of voting machines shall make a certificate, in writing, which each shall sign, and request each representative of a party as aforesaid present at the preparation of the machine to attest, and which shall be filed with the said Board of Supervisors of Elections, 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.

(e) No Supervisor of Elections, nor custodian, nor other employee of the Board of Supervisors of Elections, shall, in any way, prevent free access to and examination of all voting machines, which are to be used at