

Section 89 of said Article, be and it is hereby added, and all to read as follows:

89A. (a) Within ten days after each general or primary election, the Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City, and of each County using voting machines, shall make a record of the number on 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 said general or primary election, shall open the counter compartment of each such machine, and, without unlocking such machine against voting, shall verify and recanvass the votes cast thereon. Before making such verification and recanvass, the Supervisors of Elections shall give notice, in writing, to the custodian of the voting machines to be recanvassed and to the Chairman of the State Central Committee of each party which shall have nominated candidates for said general election or shall have candidates for nomination at said primary election, and each of the said Chairmen shall have the right to appoint and designate two representatives who shall each have the right personally to examine and make a copy of the vote recorded on the machines.

(b) If, upon such verification or canvass, it shall be found that the original canvass of the returns has been incorrectly made from any machine or machines, a statement in writing shall be prepared giving in detail as to each such machine, the result of the verification or recanvass, and such statement shall be witnessed by the persons present and shall be filed with the other returns of said election. Such recanvass of votes made pursuant to the provisions of this section shall thereupon supersede the returns filed by the judges of the election precinct in which the canvass was made.

(c) If upon such recanvass, it shall be found that a discrepancy still remains unaccounted for, the Supervisors of Elections, after the expiration of the time within which petition for recount may be made, with the assistance of the custodian of the machine, shall unlock the voting and counting mechanism of the machine and, in the presence of the authorized representatives present, shall proceed to thoroughly examine and test the machine to determine and reveal the true cause or causes, if any, of the discrepancy in the returns from such machine. Before testing the counters, they shall be reset at zero, after which each counter shall be operated at least one hundred times. After the completion of such examination and test, the custodian shall then and there prepare a statement, in writing, giving in detail the result thereof, and such statement shall be witnessed by the persons