

present and shall be filed in the office of the Supervisors of Elections.

90. Every voting machine used in any election, general, special, or primary, shall remain locked and sealed thereafter for a period of five days next succeeding such election, and as much longer as may be necessary or advisable because of any contest over the result of the election, except that it may be opened and the data and figures therein examined in the presence of the officer having the custody of such machine upon the order of any court of competent jurisdiction, or judges thereof, or by direction of any legislative committee to investigate and report upon contested elections affected by the use of such machine. If within two days after verification of the returns, as provided by Section 89A, the Board of Supervisors of Elections shall receive notice in writing of any contest over the result of said election, then such Board, within five days from the receipt of such notice and in the presence of the principals involved in any such contest or their authorized representatives, shall proceed to inspect and examine the voting machines containing the votes cast for such contested office, and shall make a record of the votes for such office as shown on said machine; and they shall duly certify said record as correct, and shall affix their signatures thereto and preserve the same for use in such contest as evidence of the votes cast for such office upon said machines. Such record shall be received as evidence as fully as if proved by the oral testimony of the persons who shall sign the same, or by the production of said voting machines in court or before said Board. After such inspection, examination and recording of the results thereof, the said voting machines shall be released and made available for use in any succeeding election.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Section 91 of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1939 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Nominations and Primaries", as said Article was revised by Chapter 934 of the Acts of 1945, be and it is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this Act is hereby declared to be an emergency law and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety, and having been passed by a yea and nay vote, supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, the same shall take effect from the date of its passage.

Approved March 29, 1947.