

\$35.00 per diem is to be paid for the use of each appointed privately owned registration and polling place in Baltimore City. In no case (except as to a building owned and occupied by a bona fide volunteer fire company in Allegany County) shall a registration or election be held in any building or part of any building used or occupied as a saloon, poolroom, billiard hall or bowling alley or communicating therewith by doors or hallways.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1961.

Approved April 24, 1961.

CHAPTER 326

(Senate Bill 287)

AN ACT to repeal and re-enact, with amendments, Section 131 (b) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Voting Machines", amending the laws concerning the tabulations of votes cast on voting machines in elections held in this State with particular reference to the information on return sheets in Wicomico County.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That Section 131 (b) of Article 33 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition), title "Elections", sub-title "Voting Machines", be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(b) The judges, 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 judges, under the scrutiny of the watchers, and in the order of the offices as their titles are arranged on the machine, shall 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, and/or 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 counter 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 judges, in ink, on triplicate return sheets, and also on a general return sheet and statement, all of which, after canvass is completed, shall be signed by the judges. If more than one voting machine is used in any precinct, the vote registered on each machine shall be ascertained in like manner, and separately entered in appropriate spaces on the general and triplicate 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 triplicate return sheets and statement. There shall also be entered on the general return sheet and statement the number