

Elections - Verification of Voting Machines

FOR the purpose of requiring a local board of election laws to certify in writing the verification of voting machines and to provide a copy of a certification of that verification at the time of submitting certified copies of election returns; and clarifying language.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code
Section 17-4(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section 17-4(a) of Article 33 - Election Code, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1975 Supplement) be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Article 33 - Election Code

17-4.

(a) (1) Within ten days after each election, each board as a part of its canvass shall verify the votes cast on the voting machines. In the case of voting machines which have not provided a printed or photographic record of the numbers registered on the counters by voting, the board shall make a record of the number of 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 election; it shall open the counter compartment of each [such] machine and without unlocking [such] THE machine against voting, shall verify the votes cast [thereon].

In the case of voting machines which have provided a printed or photographic record of the numbers registered on the counters by voting the board shall verify the votes cast as shown by the printed or photographic record pertaining to each [such] machine used in each election precinct or district in each election. Before making any verification, the board shall give notice, in writing, to the custodian of the voting machines and to the chairman of the [State] central committee of each party in the counties or in Baltimore City which shall have nominated candidates for any general election or shall have candidates for nomination at any primary election. Each of the [said] chairmen [shall have] HAS 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.