

52.21 Canvass of vote tally sheet.

As soon as the polls of the election are closed, the precinct election officials thereat shall immediately lock the voting machine against voting and open the counting compartments in the presence of all persons who may be lawfully within the polling place, and proceed to canvass the vote. Said officials shall use a voting machine return and tally sheet in substantially the following form:

The reverse side of said return shall carry a certificate in substantially the following form: CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OFFICIALS AND CANVASS STATE OF IOWA) COUNTY OF) ss.

We, the undersigned Precinct Election Officials for Precinct No. of the county of and state of Iowa, do hereby certify that voting machine (was or were) used in the above-mentioned precinct at the election held on the day of (month), (year).

1. That before opening of the polls we compared the ballot labels on (the or each) machine with the sample ballots furnished, and found the names, numbers and letters thereon agreed.
2. That we compared the number on the seal which sealed the curtain lever and the number on the protective counter and we found the same as follows: Curtain Protective Machine Lever Seal Counter No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No.
3. That the public counter was set at 000 and that we opened the rear of.....(the or each) machine and examined every registering counter and that each registered 000, or, if the machines used have a capability to produce a printed record, that an inspection sheet from each machine used at this election was produced immediately prior to any vote being cast upon it showing that all counters were set at 000.
4. That the following statement shows the number of the seal with which the curtain lever was sealed, the number on the public counter and the number on the protective counter after the poll was closed and the vote thereon canvassed and the machine locked: Curtain Protective Public Machine Lever Seal Counter Counter No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No. No.
5. That we are Precinct Election Officials of the Election in and for, Precinct No. in the county of and state of Iowa, on the day of (month), (year), and that we have canvassed all the votes registered on the voting machines for each candidate, and all irregular ballots written on the paper roll of each machine used in said precinct, and do hereby severally certify that the canvass thereof was duly and legally made, and the result of said canvass is correctly set forth in the within return-sheet statement, and that the said statement is true in all respects.

Dated this day of (month), (year)
..... precinct Election Officials After the canvass has been completed the officials shall immediately report the result of the canvass in the manner provided by section 50.11.

In a precinct in which only one voting machine is used and that machine can deliver, immediately upon the conclusion of voting, multiple copies of a printed record of the votes cast and the totals for each candidate or question appearing on the face of the machine, one of the copies may be used in lieu of the tally sheet specified in this section for the canvasses provided under sections 50.1A and 50.24. The state commissioner of elections may adopt rules regarding the certification of the printed record to allow its use in lieu of the tally sheet.

86 Acts, ch 1224, § 21, 22; 91 Acts, ch 97, § 63; 2000 Acts, ch 1058, §56, 61