

52.7 Construction of machine approved.

A voting machine approved by the state board of examiners for voting machines and electronic voting systems must be so constructed as to provide facilities for voting for the candidates of at least seven different parties or organizations, must permit a voter to vote for any person for any office although not nominated as a candidate by any party or organization, and must permit voting in absolute secrecy.

It must also be so constructed as to prevent voting for more than one person for the same office, except where the voter is lawfully entitled to vote for more than one person for that office; and it must afford the voter an opportunity to vote for any or all persons for that office as the voter is by law entitled to vote for and no more, at the same time preventing the voter from voting for the same person twice. The voting machine must be so constructed as to provide the voter with an opportunity to change a vote before the ballot is recorded and counted.

It may also be provided with one ballot in each party column or row containing only the words "presidential electors", preceded by the party name, and a vote for such ballot shall operate as a vote for all the candidates of such party for presidential electors.

Such machine shall be so constructed as to accurately account for every vote cast upon it. The machine shall be so constructed as to remove information from the ballot identifying the voter before the ballot is recorded and counted. If the machine is a direct recording electronic device, the machine shall be so constructed as to store each ballot cast separate from the ballot tabulation function, which ballot may be reproduced on paper in the case of a recount, manual audit, or machine malfunction.

[S13, § 1137-a11; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **910**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 52.7]

2004 Acts, ch 1083, §27, 37; 2004 Acts, ch 1175, §359