

52.22 Locking machine.

The precinct election officials shall, as soon as the count is completed and fully ascertained as in this chapter required, lock the machine against voting, and it shall so remain until thirty days after the proclamation of the results of the election, except that it shall remain locked only ten days after a primary or school election, and only two days after a city primary election, if such election is not contested.

In cities in which the council has chosen a runoff election in lieu of a primary pursuant to section 376.9, the machine shall remain locked only two days after the regular city election if the canvass shows that a runoff election is required, and the election is not contested. However, if the machines in any precinct are so constructed as to deliver, immediately upon conclusion of the voting at any election, 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, the machines may be unlocked immediately following the canvass of votes by the county board of supervisors unless the precinct election board informs the commissioner that the printed record produced by the machine is smeared, torn or otherwise unreadable. In the latter case, the machines shall be kept locked for the period of time prescribed for machines which do not print such a record.

Whenever independent ballots have been voted, the officials shall return all of such ballots properly secured in a sealed package as prescribed by section 50.12.

[S13, § 1137-a25; C24, 27, 31, 35, 39, § **924**; C46, 50, 54, 58, 62, 66, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, § 52.22]

88 Acts, ch 1119, §24

Footnotes

Independent ballots, § 52.16

Locking unused party row, § 52.11