

ELECTIONS CODE

SECTION 19380-19386

19380. During the reading of the result of votes cast, any candidate or watcher who may desire to be present shall be admitted to the polling place. The proclamation of the result of the votes cast shall be distinctly announced by the precinct board who shall read the name of each candidate, or the designating number and letter of his or her counter, and the vote registered on the counter. The board shall also read the vote cast for and against each measure submitted. The board shall not count votes cast for write-in candidates, but shall have these counted by the elections official. During the proclamation ample opportunity shall be given to any person lawfully present to compare the result so announced with the counter dials of the machine, and any necessary corrections shall then and there be made by the precinct board, after which the doors of the voting machine shall be closed and locked.

If the machine is provided with a recording device, the alternate procedures in Section 19370 may be used.

19381. In each election district where voting machines are used, statements of the results of the vote cast shall be printed to conform with the type of voting machine used.

The designating number and letter on the counter for each candidate shall be printed next to the candidate's name on the statements of result of the vote cast. Two such statements shall be used in each election district.

19382. The statement of the result of votes cast, which shall be certified by the precinct board, shall contain:

- (a) The total number of votes cast.
- (b) The number of votes cast for each candidate and measure as shown on the counter.
- (c) The number of votes for persons not nominated.
- (d) Printed directions to the precinct board for their guidance before the polls are opened and when the polls are closed.
- (e) A certificate which shall be signed by the election officers before the polls are opened, showing:
 - (1) The delivery of the keys in a sealed envelope.
 - (2) The number on the seal.
 - (3) The number registered on the protective counter.
 - (4) Whether all of the counters are set at zero (000).
 - (5) Whether the public counter is set at zero (000).
 - (6) Whether the ballot labels are properly placed in the machine.
- (f) A certificate that shall be filled out after the polls have been closed, showing:
 - (1) That the machine has been locked against voting and sealed.
 - (2) The number of voters as shown on the public counter.
 - (3) The number on the seal.
 - (4) The number registered on the protective counter.
 - (5) That the voting machine is closed and locked.

19383. A member of the precinct board shall enter the vote, as registered, on the statements of result of votes cast, in the same order on the space that has the same name or designating number and letter, after which another member shall verify the figures by calling them off in the same manner from the counters of the machine.

The counter compartment of the voting machine shall remain open until the official returns and all other reports have been fully completed and verified by the precinct board.

If the machine is provided with a recording device, the alternate procedures in Section 19370 may be used.

19384. The precinct board shall, before it adjourns, post conspicuously on the outside of the polling place a copy of the result of the votes cast at the polling place. The copy of the result shall be signed by the members of the precinct board.

If the machine is provided with a recording device, the statement of result of votes cast produced by operating its mechanism may be considered the "result of the votes cast" at the polling place.

19385. The precinct board shall immediately transmit unsealed to the elections official a copy of the result of the votes cast at the polling place, the copy shall be signed by the members of the precinct board, and shall be open to public inspection.

19386. Before proceeding to canvass the returns of an election at which voting machines have been used to register the votes cast, the board authorized to canvass returns shall open the counter compartment and compare the records of votes cast for the several candidates voted for and for and against the several measures voted upon shown on each machine with those recorded on the statement of results of votes cast prepared from that machine by the precinct board. Any errors found on the statement shall be corrected by crossing out the recorded incorrect number, and recording the correct number nearby.

If the machine is provided with a recording device, the board shall inspect the statement of return of votes cast record. However, for good and sufficient cause the board shall unseal the machines and take off and record the records of votes cast for the several candidates and for and against the several measures voted upon. Each voting machine shall immediately be resealed.
