

CHAPTER 7.

[H. B. 82.]

TESTING VOTING MACHINES FOR DISCREPANCIES.

AN ACT relating to elections and amending section 4910-15 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 4910-15 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 4910-15. *Provisions for Re-canvass of Vote.*

The registering mechanism of each voting machine used in any election shall remain locked and sealed against operation until the time for filing contests of election has expired which shall not exceed a period of thirty (30) days following any state primary, general or special election or a period of eight (8) days following any such city, town or other election, held by any municipal corporation or sub-division of this state at which voting machines are used in any or all of the precincts: *Provided, however,* That whenever it shall appear that there is a discrepancy in the returns of any election district the county commissioners, council, board of other governing body shall summon the inspector and judges of election thereof, who shall in their presence make a record of the number or other designating mark on the seal, and the number on the protective counter, open the counter compartment, and, without unlocking said machine against voting, shall recanvass the vote cast thereon. Before making such recanvass the county commissioners, council or board, shall give notice in writing to the custodian and to each political party or organization that shall have nominated candidates for the election, of the time and place where said recanvass is to be made; and each of such political parties or organization may send two representatives to be present at such recanvass. If, upon such recanvass, it should be found that the original canvass of the returns has been correctly made from the

Voting machines to remain sealed after election.

Recanvass of votes.

Unlocking voting mechanism to discover discrepancies.

machine, and that the discrepancy still remains unaccounted for, the county commissioners, council, board or other governing body, with the assistance of the custodian, shall in the presence of said inspector and judges of election and the authorized representatives of the several political parties or organizations, unlock the voting and counting mechanism of said machine and proceed to thoroughly examine and test the machine to determine and reveal the true cause or causes, if any, of the discrepancy in the returns from said machine. Before being tested the counter shall be set at "000," after which each counter shall be operated at least 100 times. After the completion of said examination and test, the custodian shall then and there prepare a statement in writing giving in detail the result thereof and said statement shall be witnessed by the persons present and shall be filed with the officer or board in charge of the election.

Testing
machine.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate support of the state government and shall take effect immediately.

Emergency.

Passed the House January 25, 1917.

Passed the Senate February 1, 1917.

Approved by the Governor February 3, 1917.

CHAPTER 8.

[H. B. 54.]

REGULATING USE OF ARMORIES AND RIFLE RANGES.

AN ACT relating to the governing and regulation of armories and rifle ranges, and amending section 7334 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That section 7334 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 7334. The commander-in-chief shall promulgate in general orders such regulations for the use of

Use of
military real
property.