

Sec. 9-242a-5. Inspection and test voting the voting tabulator

Beginning as soon as ballots and ballot cards are available and not later than the tenth day before the election or primary, the registrars shall conduct ballot card testing of every programmed memory card with samples of each different ballot card printed for the election or primary. The purpose of the test is to ensure that (1) ballots are printed properly, (2) timing, diagnostic and card identification marks are correctly located on the ballot, (3) memory cards are programmed with accurate information, and (4) the voting tabulators tally ballots correctly. The Secretary of the State shall prescribe the procedure to (A) test unvoted ballot cards, (B) test fully voted ballot cards, and (C) count a series of test ballots. All those present, including the registrars or their designees, the technician certified under section 9-242-13 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, if any, the town chairmen, candidates and watchers, shall certify (i) as to the numbers of the voting tabulators, (ii) that the voting tabulators have been test-voted with samples of the ballots and found to be working properly, (iii) that the candidate, question and public counters are set back to zero, (iv) as to the numbers registered on the protective counters of the tabulator, if provided, and (v) as to the numbers on the seals sealing the memory cards into the voting tabulator. This certificate and the test ballots shall be filed with the municipal clerk and kept for sixty days after the election. Each voting tabulator shall be sealed and placed in its carrying case together with the ender card and sealed in its carrying case. The voting tabulator in its carrying case and any spare tabulators shall be delivered by the registrars to the central secure location designated by the registrars meeting such specifications as the secretary may prescribe, until delivery of such voting tabulators to the election officials as described in 9-242a-8 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. The registrars shall immediately secure the keys to the voting tabulator. Not later than eight o'clock p.m. of the day before the election, the moderators shall appear in the office of the registrars of voters to receive checklists, the voting tabulator seal number as reported on the report of pre-election testing, and supplies necessary to conduct the election. In addition, the registrars of voters shall deliver ballots to the election officials as described in 9-242a-8 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

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