

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.791a Printer type voting machines; definition, operation.**

Sec. 791a. "Printer type voting machine" as used in this act means a voting machine which prints the reading upon each of the respective candidate and proposition counters directly upon one or more sheets of paper and shows the counter reading as appearing upon such machine both before the opening of the polls and after the last vote is recorded. If a printer type voting machine is used in a precinct at an election, the board of election inspectors of the precinct shall not have a key to the counter compartment of the machine, nor open the same at any time. All of the other provisions of this act relating to the conduct of elections through the use of voting machines shall be applicable to such machines, except that the counter readings shall be taken from the printed sheets rather than from the respective counters, and such sheets shall be subject to inspection the same as the counters would otherwise be. At the conclusion of the precinct canvass, one sheet showing the reading upon each of the respective counters after the last vote is recorded upon each of such machines used in the precinct, shall be included with the returns to the county board of canvassers, and one sheet from each of such machines shall be included with the returns to the local clerk. One of such sheets from each machine, and one sheet showing the counter reading as appearing before the opening of the polls, shall be locked in the machine from which the same was taken. Such sheets shall be initialed by each of the members of the precinct board of election inspectors before completing the returns.

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