

Important Steps to Remember

- Check both sides of your ballot before you leave the privacy voting booth.
- Mark your choices clearly. Avoid making any other marks on the ballot.
- Ask an Election Inspector for assistance if you have any questions regarding the ballot or how it should be filled in.

HAVA

HAVA, the Help America Vote Act, was established to allow every registered voter, including voters with disabilities, to vote independently and privately.

The Optical Scan Voting Machine with a Ballot Marking Device (BMD) is available at all poll sites to assist the voter in marking a ballot privately and independently. Instructions are available at each poll site. Voters who wish to use this function will be assisted by Election Inspectors.

Optical Scan Voting

This pamphlet is designed to instruct voters how to cast votes on the Optical Scan Voting Machines that will be used for elections starting in 2010.

The Optical Scan Voting Machines allow for a secure and private voting session. Your vote is safely cast with full privacy at each step.

As always, your vote will be counted on election night.

On Election Day, Election Inspectors working at the poll sites will be available to assist with any questions.

An educational video about the new voting system can be found on our website. Click on the link for Optical Scan Voting Demo.

Information concerning voter registration and voting by absentee ballot can be found on our website, in person at our office, or by telephone.

Please contact us with any questions.

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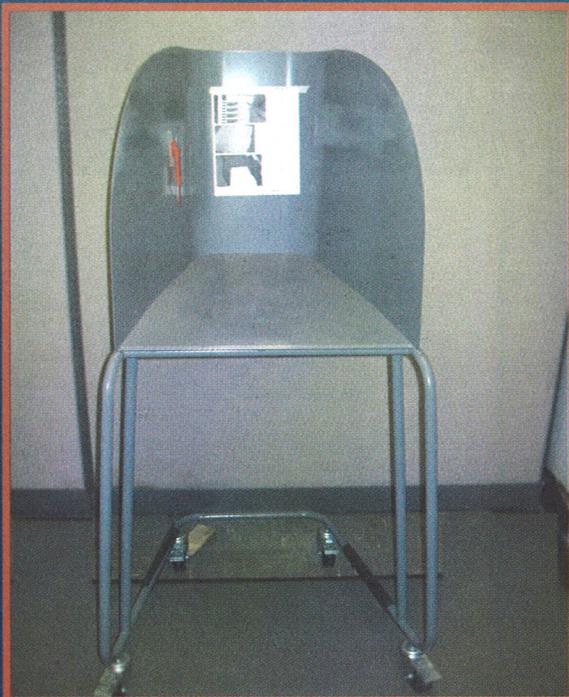


How To Vote Using Optical Scan Voting Machines



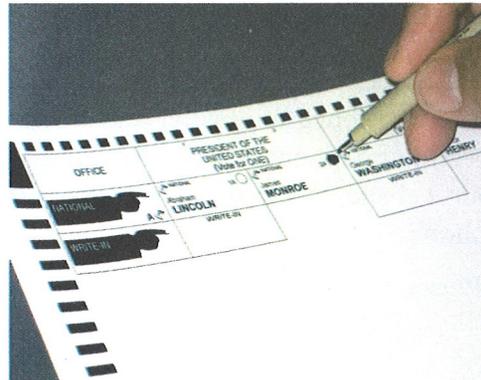
Signing in and Receiving your Ballot

- When you enter the polling place, you will sign in at the Election Inspector's table.
- The Election Inspectors will provide you with the correct paper ballot for your district.
- You will also be given a privacy sleeve for your ballot.
- You will then be directed to a privacy voting booth so you may mark your ballot.



Marking Your Ballot

- Mark your ballot by filling in the voting oval next to the candidate's name you are selecting.
- Be sure to completely fill in the oval.
- Use only the marking pens provided.
- For a write-in vote, locate the "Write-in" box at the bottom of the column for each contest. Write the name of your candidate in the box.
- Check both sides of your ballot. Propositions and proposals may be on the reverse side of your ballot.



- If you cast votes for more candidates than are permitted in any given contest (over-vote), your votes in that contest will not be counted.
- If you make a mistake on your ballot, do not try to correct it. Give your ballot to an inspector and receive a replacement ballot.

Scanning Your Ballot

- When you have finished filling out your paper ballot, place it in the privacy sleeve.
- Proceed to the optical scan voting machine with your privacy sleeve and ballot.
- Carefully insert the ballot into the scanner.



- The LCD screen will display a message that your ballot has been cast successfully.
- Your ballot will be safely deposited in the secure ballot box.
- Your voting session is now complete.