

## BALLOT RESOLUTION

You have been asked to provide assistance in resolving whether a voter's mark qualifies as a vote, and to make determinations regarding voter intent. Election officials get guidance from statutes issued by the Colorado General Assembly and from rules issued by the Secretary of State's office.

Briefly, these statutes and rules can be summed up as follows:

- Judges shall take into consideration the intent of the voter. (Rule 27.2.1)
- A defective or an incomplete mark on any ballot in a proper place shall be counted if no other mark appears on the ballot indicating an intention to voter for some other candidate or ballot issue. (CRS 1-7-309(2))
- An over vote occurs when a person marks more than the maximum number of candidates or responses for a ballot question or issue. No vote counts for that race. However, judges shall take into consideration any notion by the voter that would clearly indicate the choice of the voter. (Rule 27.2.1; CRS 1-7-309(1))
- A blank ballot is one in which the voter has made no marks in any voting position, or has been marked with an unreadable marker, or is one which has been consistently marked outside the "read" area of the scanner. (Rule 27.1.1)
- A ballot which has no markings for any candidate races, issues, or questions shall be tallied as a blank ballot, but the voter shall be given credit for voting. (Rule 27.2.3)
- Each write-in vote may include a reasonably correct spelling of a given name, an initial or nickname, or both a given name and an initial or nickname, and shall include the last name of the person for whom the vote is intended. Whenever write-in votes are cast, they shall be counted only when the intention of the elector is clearly apparent. (CRS 1-7-114(1))

Most resolution issues will involve:

- verifying over votes, which often also involve a voter over voting intentionally after having changed his or her mind, and indicating their true choice by writing on the ballot;
- verifying write-in candidates;
- verifying blank ballots.

Attached two sheets which will give you a sense of the types of marks that the scanning software considers over votes and under votes.

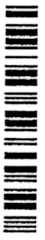
Ballot Now reads these marks as undervotes

eSlateTraining Trainer County September 13, 2003		Ward 08-b	
<b>Ballot Directions</b> Vote for your choice in each contest by filling in the square provided to the left of your choice. Please use a black ink pen to mark the ballot.		<b>County Contests</b>	
<b>President</b> Vote for one. <input type="checkbox"/> Paul Newman Professional Actor <input type="checkbox"/> George Washington First president of the United States		<b>County Commissioner Place 2</b> Vote for one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angelina Jolie <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Jordan <b>BOTH!</b>	
<b>United States Senator</b> Vote for one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherin Zeta Jones <b>YES!</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Helen Keller		<b>Local Contests</b>	
<b>United States Representative</b> Vote for one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Orlando Bloom <input type="checkbox"/> Abraham Lincoln <b>NO!</b>		<b>City Council Member, Place 5</b> Vote for one. <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth Taylor <input type="checkbox"/> Harriet B. Stowe <input type="checkbox"/> Write-In: <b>J. SMITH</b>	
<b>State Contests</b>		<b>City Superintendent of Schools</b> Vote for one. <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Wan Neeson</del> <b>NO!</b> <input type="checkbox"/> William Glasser <b>YES (EDUCATOR)</b>	
<b>State Senator</b> Vote for one. <input type="checkbox"/> <del>Colin Farrell</del> <input type="checkbox"/> William Byrd ← <b>Him (Composer)</b>		<b>Ballot Measures</b>	
<b>State Representative District 2</b> Vote for one. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brad Pitt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Frost		<b>Proposition 1</b> Should a uniform voter registration system be established in the United States? Vote either "Yes" or "No". <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes ← <input type="checkbox"/> No	



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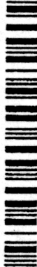
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Ballot Now reads this contest as "damaged" because the option box has been erased.

If confirmed as damaged, the Cast Vote Record records this contest as an undervote.

Ballot Now reads these marks as overvotes



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Ballot Now reads this write-in option as voted.

Overvotes and undervotes must be resolved before write-ins are resolved.

**Ballot Now Reads:**

Most dark colored pens and markers

**Ballot Now may not read:**

Light colored pens, most reds, light blues, most highlighters, and pencils.

**Recommended to Use:**

***Black or standard blue pen, filling the option box.***

Also refer to specific scanner documentation.

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