

**Election Day
Contact Numbers**

**BEFORE POLLS
OPEN**

Machine Problems **753-1514**

Missing Both **753-1523**

Inspectors From Same Party **753-1539**

(call by 5:45am for General Election or 11:45am for Primary Election)

Missing Critical Supplies Needed to Get Your Polling Site Open and Operating **753-1555**

**AFTER POLLS
OPEN**

Machine Problems **753-1514**

Supplies not needed immediately **753-1501**

Missing One Inspector from Either Party **753-1523**
753-1539

Voter Questions **753-1550**

Call-In District (selected ED) **753-1543**

Monroe County Board of Elections

Lever Machine Manual for Election Inspectors

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NEW IN 2008

- ❖ Revised check-in procedures
- ❖ Additional guidelines on assisting disabled voters
- ❖ Information on the Ballot Marking Device

Please bring this Manual with you on Election Day

Message from the Commissioners

Dear Inspector:



Peter
Quinn

2008 will be a very busy year. A Presidential Election always brings a higher voter turnout, but this year that will be augmented by a new Ballot Marking Device (BMD), one in each polling site. The Board of Elections is assigning inspectors directly for these new devices. We still need most of our inspectors to work on the lever machines since most voters will still be using the lever machines.



Thomas
Ferrarese

Being an inspector is not what it was in the past. There were very few changes from year to year in the election process. You could go to training once every three years and still stay on top of the job. This is not the case any

longer. What we did in 2005, 2006 or even last year is different this year. That is why you are trained every year now and get new updated inspector manuals.

The Primary Election this year will be on Tuesday, September 9th and the polls will be open from noon to 9:00 PM. Inspectors need to be at their assigned sites no later than 11:30 AM to prepare for the day. The General Election will be on Tuesday, November 4th and the polls will be open from 6:00AM to 9:00 PM. Inspectors must be at their assigned sites by 5:30 AM to prepare for the day.

Remember we are here to support you and you are representing the Commissioners at the polling site. Since the Commissioners have the final say about all activity at the polling site your loyalty to the Board of Elections will ensure the success of fair and honest elections. We are confident that your training will prepare you to be an effective and accurate Election Inspector who will represent us proudly.

Sincerely,

Peter Quinn

Republican Commissioner

Thomas Ferrarese

Democratic Commissioner

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Inspector Appointment (Election Law §3-400 to §3-420)

The parties that achieve the highest and second highest votes for governor are responsible for assigning inspectors. Inspectors are chosen from enrolled Democrats and Republicans first, but voters registered in other parties may be assigned in an emergency. Lists of inspectors are recommended by local party committees or the County Committee to the Board of Elections by May 1. Usually, this list is the previous election's working (active) inspectors. On July 15, after reviewing the party recommendations, the Elections Commissioners select and appoint a list of inspectors; thereafter, changes may be made to this list.

Minimum Qualifications for Election Inspectors

- Be a registered voter.
- Be a resident of the County in which he or she serves.
- Attend an annual training session.
- Pass an examination at the end of any training session attended.
- Speak and read the English language and write legibly.
- Not hold any public office or be a candidate for public office or party position to be voted on by the voters of the district in which the inspector would be working or be the spouse, parent or child of a candidate running for office in the district in which the inspector would work.

Coordinators & Inspector Scheduling

Coordinators are responsible for:

- ★ Scheduling Inspectors
- ★ Ensuring Inspectors attend required training classes
- ★ Recruiting Inspectors
- ★ Being involved in supply delivery and return
- ★ Visiting each election district on election day.

Coordinators are looking to schedule inspectors who are knowledgeable, trained, friendly, courteous and can work the entire election day. Inspectors need to maintain a good rapport with their coordinators.

Coordinators are qualified inspectors who receive special training and who know Election Law.

A Coordinator schedules inspectors in an Election District (ED). Normally, four inspectors, two Republicans and two Democrats, are scheduled for each ED.

Scheduling Notes:

- ★ Inspectors must heed the advice of Coordinators of EITHER party.
- ★ Inspectors may be scheduled to work in any election district.
- ★ Inspectors may be scheduled in a different election district than where they vote.
- ★ Inspectors should contact their coordinator if they have any scheduling questions.
- ★ Inspectors must call their coordinator immediately if they are scheduled and unable to work.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AN ELECTION INSPECTOR

1. Open and close the voting machine.
2. Organize the physical layout of the polling site.
Inspectors must be able to clearly see who enters and exits the voting machine
3. Organize election day supplies.
Inspectors should have their *Street Guide, Poll Book, Flip Chart* and *Challenge Report* available.
4. Rotate tasks and share the work. **Inspector must know how to do all of these tasks and be willing to change from one to another throughout the day.**
Common tasks are overseeing the *poll book*, being in charge of the *street guide*, monitoring the *voting machine*, composing a *supplementary list*, overseeing the completion of *affidavit ballot envelopes*.
5. Process qualified voters.
6. Complete all necessary paperwork including the Canvass and Tally Sheets.
7. Maintain order at the polling site.
8. Serve in ONLY the Election District assigned by the Coordinator.
9. Arrive on time at your polling site on Election Day.
10. **Choose a Chairperson** (*One of four (4) Inspectors serves as Chairperson*).

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON

1. Oversee the day.
2. Make sure that one Democratic and one Republican Inspector are present at all times (Remember: 2 Democrats and 2 Republicans are assigned per election district).
3. Schedule inspector meal breaks and time for voting.
4. Make sure that all forms are filled out properly. Make sure that inspectors are signing the appropriate documents. Ensure that all affidavit and emergency envelopes are signed.
5. To oversee the return of the **orange dotted bag** to the Town Clerk in the Towns or a Board of Elections Supply Return Location in the City.
6. Keep the Coordinator and Board of Elections informed about any concerns.

How do we choose a Chairperson?

Per Election Law 3-400(4): “Before entering on their duties, the election inspectors of each election district outside of New York shall appoint one of their number chairman, to serve as such during his term of office. If a majority shall not agree upon such appointment, they shall draw lots for that position.”

The Lever Voting Machine

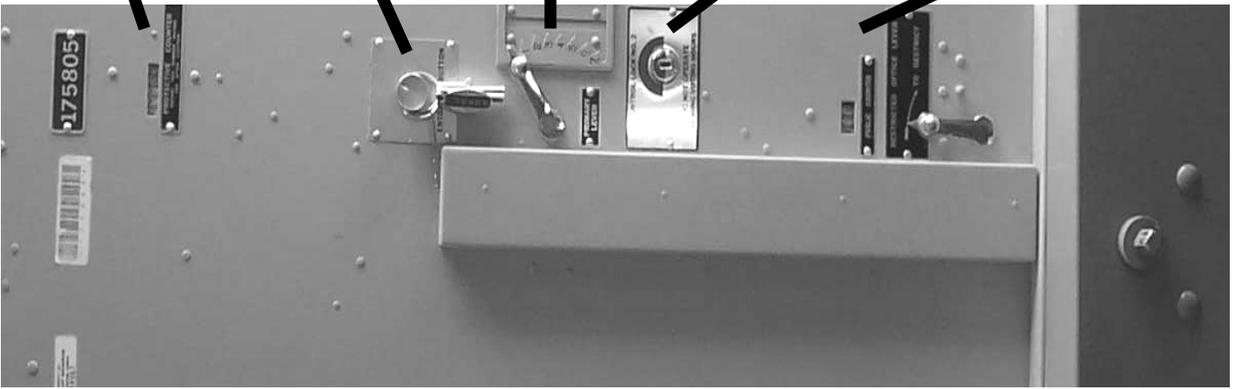


Voting Machine (Lever Machine)
(AVM Machine)



#3 key

(opens and closes front and back of machine)



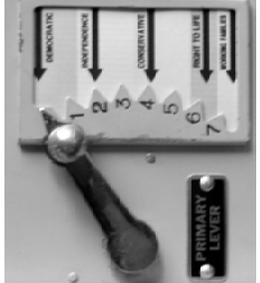
Right side of machine
(facing machine)



Protective Counter Number
(shows total number of voters ever cast on the machine)



Entrance Button
(must be pushed by the inspector prior to voter entering voting booth)



Primary Lever
(set in a primary election to voter's party)



2 Key
(Turns machine off and on)



Public Counter Number
(Shows number of voters who voted on the machine on an election day and is the number entered in the poll book next to the inspector's initials)

Opening the Polls

- ★ **The Supply Bag may ONLY be opened if one inspector from EACH party is present.**
- ★ **Inspectors MUST arrive ON TIME:**

General Election Day

- **Arrive at 5:30 a.m.**
- Each district must be ready to open by 6:00 a.m.
- **Voting begins at 6:00 a.m.**

Primary Election Day

- **Arrive at 11:30 a.m.**
- Each reporting district must be ready to open by Noon.
- **Voting begins at Noon.**

- ★ **All activities must be done in bi-partisan teams (one Republican and one Democrat).**

1. One of the four (4) Inspectors will arrive with supply bag.
2. Make sure the district on supply bag is the same as that on the machine tag.
3. Open the supply bag and remove the machine keys.
4. Make sure the election district on the poll book is the same as that on the machine tag.



Supply Bag



Machine Tag



Key Ring
(Showing Number 3 and Numer 2 Keys)

Supply List

- ◆ AB Machine Instructions (As Needed)
- ◆ Additional Pencils/Pens(2)
- ◆ Affidavit Ballots
- ◆ Affidavit Envelopes
- ◆ Affidavit Instruction
- ◆ Affidavit Return Envelope
- ◆ Arrows Signs (4)
- ◆ AVM Machine Instructions
- ◆ BOE Return Envelope
- ◆ Call-In-Districts
- ◆ Canvass Sheets W/Example
- ◆ Cardboard Voting Booth
- ◆ Certificate Of Service
- ◆ Challenge Report W/Attachment
- ◆ City Clerk / Town Return Envelope
- ◆ City Payroll (If Applicable)
- ◆ Distance Markers Signs (2)
- ◆ Election District Tags
- ◆ Election Inspectors Needed Sheet
- ◆ Election Site Evaluation Survey
- ◆ Emergency Envelopes
- ◆ Envelope W/Badges
- ◆ Flip Chart
- ◆ Handicapped Vote Here Sign (1-Blue)
- ◆ Id Notice To Inspectors W/Acceptable Id
- ◆ Key Return Envelope W/Seals
- ◆ Machine Keys
- ◆ BMD Keys (lead ED)
- ◆ Map With Poll Sites Attached
- ◆ "Notes To Commissioners" Sheets
- ◆ Oath for Person Assisting Voter
- ◆ Packing List
- ◆ Paper Roll Return Envelope
- ◆ Poll Book
- ◆ Primary Slips (As Needed)
- ◆ Propositions (If Required)
- ◆ Signature Cover
- ◆ Small Supply Bag (Pen, Pencils, Stickers, Etc.)
- ◆ Spanish Interpreter Envelope
- ◆ Street Guide
- ◆ Tally Sheet
- ◆ Vote Here Sign (1-black-and-white)
- ◆ Voter Bill Of Rights
- ◆ Voter Registration Forms (10 In Pack)
- ◆ Welcome To District Sign

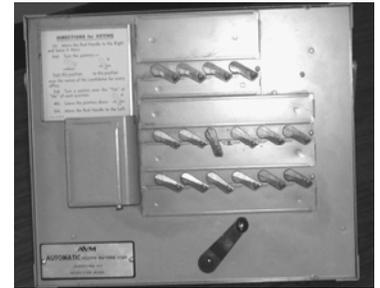
Setting Up the Lever Voting Machine

Front of Machine

5. Use #3 Key to open front of the machine
6. Remove the 2 bags of supplies
7. Plug cord in for light (move machine to outlet) In case of power failure the voting machine can still operate: the power is only needed for the light. Make sure the placement of the cord will not pose a safety hazard.
8. Snap curtains inside of the machine.
9. Display sample voting machine on the table.
10. Verify the machine face against the sample ballot to make sure the offices and candidates are the same.



Number 3 key
in front of
machine

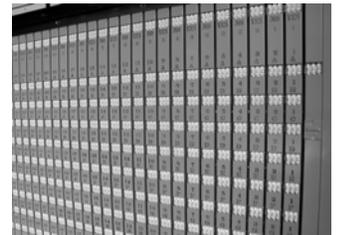


Sample Voting Machine

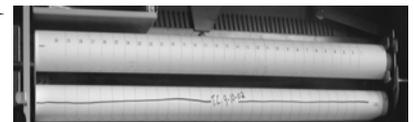
(Use the sample voting machine to help new voters understand how to use the levers in the voting machine)

Back of the Machine

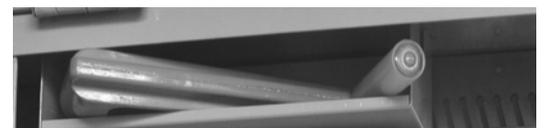
11. Use #3 Key to open the back of the machine.
12. Remove the crank from the upper left-hand corner of the paper roll compartment (if the voting machine is labeled Handicapped Accessible).
13. Verify dials are at zero (If you find a number on the back of the voting machine on one of dials, attach a note to the canvass sheet signed by all four inspectors).
14. Verify dateline on paper roll.
15. Use the #3 Key to lock the back of the machine.



Back of voting machine,
cover lifted, dials showing



The paper roll at the beginning
of the day, date line shown



Crank for handicap access in
compartment at back of machine

Side of the Machine

16. Break the Seal in the entrance button.
17. Insert the #2 key in lock #2 and turn on the machine.
18. Place the machine keys in a safe place. Make sure the keys are in an accessible place and that every inspector knows where they are



Seal in
Entrance
Button



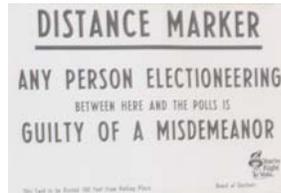
Number 2
Key in
Number 2
lock

Setting Up the Polling Place

19. Complete the “BEFORE THE POLLS OPENED” section on the canvass sheet and have all four (4) inspectors sign it.

POST SIGNS

20. Post the “DISTANCE MARKER” sign, outside, 100 feet from the entrance to the building.



21. Post the black and white “VOTE HERE” sign at the main entrance of the site. Post the blue handicap “VOTE HERE” sign on the handicap accessible entrance.



22. Hang “Arrow Signs.”



23. Post the “DISTRICT MAP” and the “SAMPLE BALLOT” near the inspector table.

24. Post the “VOTERS BILL OF RIGHTS.”

SUPPLIES

25. Display the flag.
26. Make sure the inspector table is neat.
27. Find and wear the Inspector Name Badges provided in your supplies.
28. Make sure the Poll Book, Signature Cover, Street Guide, Flip Chart, Challenge Report, and Affidavit Ballot Envelopes are on the inspector table.

Before the Polls Opened

(To be filled out and signed by the Board of Inspectors as indicated below, BEFORE THE OPENING OF THE POLLS.)

WE HEREBY CERTIFY

That, this day, before the polls were opened, we carefully examined each of the candidate and question counters and the public counter of the voting machine, and found that each registered 000.

That, during such examination, the entrance knob was locked against movement, and sealed, and so remained until the opening of the polls.

That the ballot labels were in their proper places and conformed to the sample ballot (diagram).

That the voting machine number was 028971

That the protective counter number was 041000

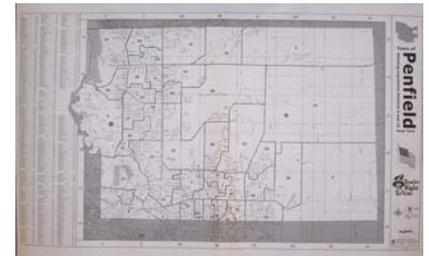
That the seal number was 263714

That the keys were delivered to us in a sealed envelope; and that the machine number, protective counter number, and seal number, written on said envelope, corresponded to numbers found on the voting machine as above set forth, respectively.

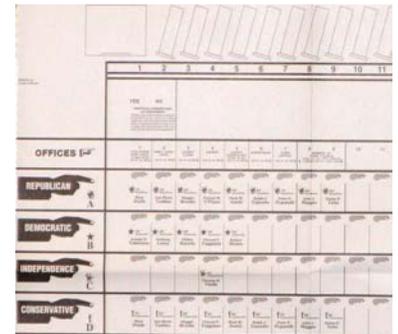
Elizabeth A. Maxwell
Laura C. Edinger
Randolph Blake
Betty Jones

(Signed) Board of Inspectors.

“Opening of Polls” section of the canvass report



District Map



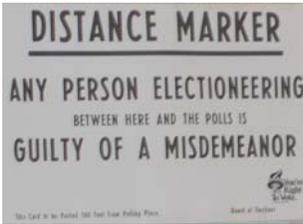
Sample Ballot



Welcome to District Sign

Signs

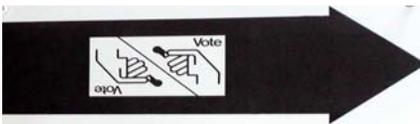
Remember to post your signs **before** you open the polls. Use the masking tape in your supplies to place the signs on **walls**.



- ◆ The **distance marker** should be placed outside, 100' from the entrance of the polling site.
- ◆ Attach it to a wall, post, fence, tree or whatever object is about 100' away.
- ◆ No one may electioneer within the distance marker area.
- ◆ A distance marker should be placed 100' from **EACH** entrance of the polling site.



- ◆ There are two **VOTE HERE** signs.
- ◆ The black-and-white sign should be posted on the main door most voters use.
- ◆ The blue and white sign with a wheelchair (as pictured here) must be placed on the handicapped accessible door. That door must remain unlocked during voting hours.



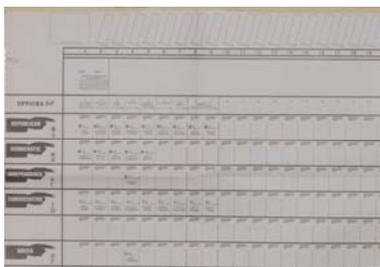
- ◆ Use the **arrow signs** to direct voters to a room or location inside a polling site.
- ◆ Post on inside walls



- ◆ The Welcome to District Sign must be posted on the wall near the inspector table. This helps the voter clearly identify their election district.



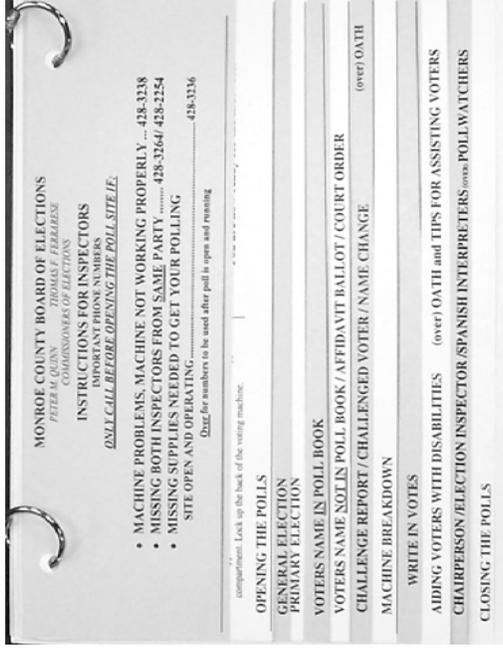
- ◆ The **district map** should be hung on the wall near the voting machine.
- ◆ A *polling site listing* will be stapled to the map. Use the map to find a voter's correct ED and then match the ED with the polling site and address.



- ◆ The **sample ballot** should be posted on the wall near the voting machine.
- ◆ Make sure the sample ballot is the same as the machine face inside the voting machine.
- ◆ Voters can use the sample ballot to double check those candidates running before they enter the voting machine.

Important Supplies

Flip Chart



- Look for important Board of Elections contact numbers on the front flap of the Flip Chart.
- Find updated information too late to be placed in the inspector manual.
- Inspectors can find quick answers to questions by reading the information under the tabs in the flip chart.

Street Guide

Monroe County Board of Elections
Street Guide
Clarkson-1

STREET NAME	EA	Start	End
ALICE LN	E	2	48
ALY LN	O	1	65
AMY LN	E	2	310
AMY LN	O	291	325
BENITA DR	E	2	500
BENITA DR	O	1	499
BERRY GROVE LN	E	2	250
BERRY GROVE LN	O	1	249
BRADLEY LN	E	2	34
BRADLEY LN	O	1	33
CARL LN	E	2	20
CARL LN	O	1	19
DEBBIE LN	E	2	230
DEBBIE LN	O	1	229
DORRIS LN	E	2	30
DORRIS LN	O	1	29
EAST AVE	O	303	497
EDWARD LN	E	2	46
EDWARD LN	O	1	39
GILMORE RD	E	2	300
GILMORE RD	O	1	299
GRNA WAY	E	222	238
GRNA WAY	O	221	239
LADRIAN KING	E	2	230
LADRIAN KING	O	1	229
LAWYER RD	O	1	33
LEANN DR	O	1	17
LEANN DR	O	1	17
LIANNA CRES	E	20	100
LIANNA CRES	O	19	99
W RIDGE RD	E	3506	9344
W RIDGE RD	O	750	8107
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ST KATHERINE WAY	E	2	230
ST KATHERINE WAY	O	1	229

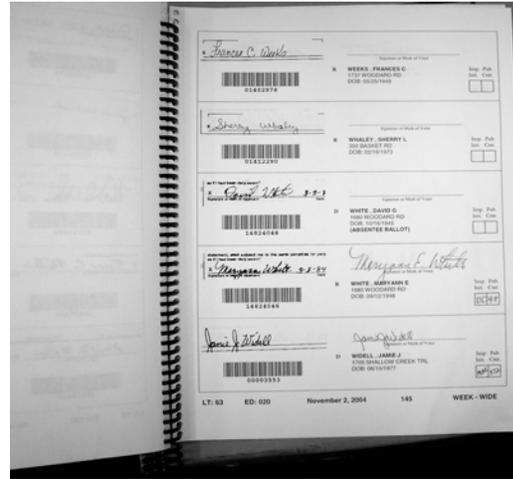
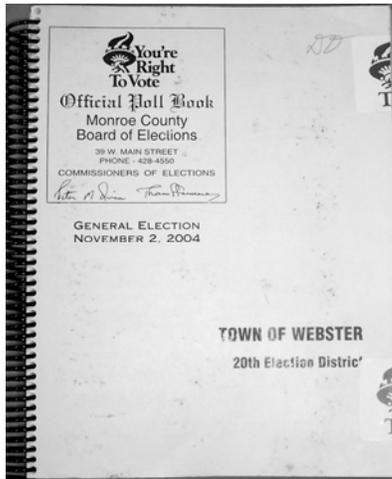
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BERRY GROVE LN	O	1	249
BRADLEY LN	E	2	34
BRADLEY LN	O	1	33
CARL LN	E	2	20
CARL LN	O	1	19

- Use the Street Guide to confirm that a voter lives in the election district.
- Procedure for using the Street Guide:
 1. Find the voter’s street.
 2. Determine if the house number is odd (O) or even (E).
 3. Within the odd or even ranges, make sure the voter’s house number is greater than the starting number and less than the ending number.
- 4. If the voter’s house number is within the range, send them on to the Poll Book for sign-in.
- 5. If the voter’s house is NOT within range, see the section in this manual called “VOTER DOES NOT LIVE IN THE DISTRICT.”

EXAMPLE: Maureen lives at 66 Amy Ln. Using the street guide we can confirm she lives in district 1 in Clarkson.

The Poll Book



- Poll Books are printed according to Town and reporting election district (ED) in the Towns or Legislative District (LD) and ED in the City.
- The Poll Book is arranged alphabetically by the Voter's *Last Name* and then *First Name*.
- Use the *indexing* at the bottom right of the Poll Book to help quickly locate a voter's name.

Poll Book Procedures

- ◆ A voter may NEVER sign for someone else.
- ◆ Make sure the voter signs next to their own name.
- ◆ Power of Attorney and pre-printed stamps may **not** be used.
- ◆ Never make stray marks in the Poll Book
- ◆ Never add voters into the Poll Book or write on the back of any page.
- ◆ Note **deceased** voters in the poll book. Only information given from a relative may be noted. Note the relationship (mother, father, brother, sister, etc.) of the person telling you about the voter.
- ◆ Note voters who have **moved** in the poll book. Only information given from a relative may be noted. Note the relationship (mother, father, brother, sister, etc.) of the person telling you about the voter. If the person moved within Monroe County, note the full residence address to which they moved. If the person moved out of county or state, note that.
- ◆ Note any corrections to the **birth date**.
- ◆ Note **spelling corrections** in the Poll Book.
- ◆ Always double-check the spelling of a voter's name. Turn a few pages forward or back.

CHECK-IN PROCEDURE (for 2008 Elections)

- 1) Check to see if the voter’s address is within the range of house numbers in the Street Guide.
- 2) Locate the voter’s name in the poll book.
- 3) Check to see if “ID REQUIRED” is shown on the voters record *under the area listing the voters’s name, address and date of birth.*
 - a. Remember: Only ask for ID if “ID Required” appears near the voter’s name in the poll book.
 - b. If identification is required, ask the voter for a current, official document that shows their NAME and PHOTO OR an official document that shows their NAME and ADDRESS. (See sample ID Examples to the right)
 - c. If they show the identification, allow the voter to vote on the machine. Put a line through “~~ID REQUIRED.~~”
 - d. If they are unable to show identification, the voter must vote on an AFFIDAVIT BALLOT.
- 4) Cover the voter’s previous signature with the signature cover slip; this is an important ANTI-FRAUD PROCEDURE. Have the voter sign next to it.
- 5) Compare the signatures. Remember: a voter’s signature may change through the years.
- ★ 6) **Ask the voter: “Will you require assistance in marking their ballot?”** (all voters MUST be asked)
 - a. If the voter indicates that they **do not** require assistance in marking their ballot, have them proceed to the **lever machine**. Go to **Processing the Lever Machine Voter.**
 - b. If the voter indicates that they **do** require assistance in marking their ballot, have them proceed to the **Ballot Marking Device (BMD)**. Go to **Processing the BMD Voter.**
 - c. If the voter is unsure if they require assistance, explain how assistance is given on the lever machine. Explain that Federal Regulations allow a voter to use the BMD to mark a ballot.

ID EXAMPLES

- ❖ Valid New York State Drivers License
- ❖ Passport
- ❖ Utility Bill
- ❖ Board of Elections verification letter

The complete list of ID Examples is in your supplies on a yellow card.

ID Examples

Poll Book with **anti-fraud cover**. Notice “**ID Required**” voter and “**Absentee Ballot**” Voter references. Also notice the **boxes** where the inspector in charge of the poll book is **REQUIRED** to place their **initials** and the voter’s **public counter number**

Processing the Lever Machine Voter

- 1) The Inspector must fill-in voter's public counter number (if voting on the lever machine) and the Inspectors initials.
- 2) Once a voter has opened the curtains of the lever voting machine they may NOT re-enter the voting machine for any reason.
- 3) Assist first time voters or voters not familiar with operating the lever voting machine by demonstrating the sample voting machine and pointing out the sample ballot.

Lever Machine:
How to fill in the Inspector Initial Box and Public Counter number box in the poll book.

Insp. Pub. Init. Cntr.

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Sample Voting Machine

Processing the Ballot Marking Device (BMD) Voter

- 1) If the voter wishes to use the BMD, peel the BMD sticker from the label sheet and place the label on an index card. This will become the BMD tracking card. Check off "To BMD" on the Tracking Card. Instruct the voter to take the card to the inspectors at the BMD.
- 2) The Inspector must fill-in the Inspectors initials in the appropriate box. In the public counter number box, the inspector must note "BMD" and above it, note the control number shown on the BMD sticker.
- 3) If a voter returns from the BMD and has chosen not to use the BMD, they must return the BMD tracking card. Make sure the area marked "Back to Lever" has been checked off by a BMD inspector. An inspector must cross-off BMD and the control number in the poll book. The voter may then proceed to vote on the lever machine. The voter's public counter number from the lever machine must be entered next to the public counter number box. Place the BMD tracking card in the Used Slip Envelope.
- 4) If the voter does not have a card, consult with the inspectors at the BMD to determine whether or not a ballot was marked at the BMD. If there are any questions, call the Board of Elections immediately at 753-1523 or 753-1539.



Sample BMD Slip showing the Ballot I.D (in the shaded box), the control number on the right corner and the voter's district on the left

Place BMD Sticker here	
Voter to BMD <small>(Check one of the boxes below)</small>	Voter Back to Lever <small>(Check one of the boxes below)</small>
<input type="checkbox"/> To BMD	<input type="checkbox"/> Back to Lever
<input type="checkbox"/> BMD Affidavit	<input type="checkbox"/> BMD Emergency (E.B. BMD)
<input type="checkbox"/> BMD Court Order	

BMD Tracking Card

Insp. Pub. Init. Cntr.

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BMD: How to fill in the Inspector Initial Box and Public Counter number box in the poll book

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BMD: How to fill in the Inspector Initial Box and Public Counter number box in the poll book if the voter returns from the BMD

Part III – Check-In Procedures

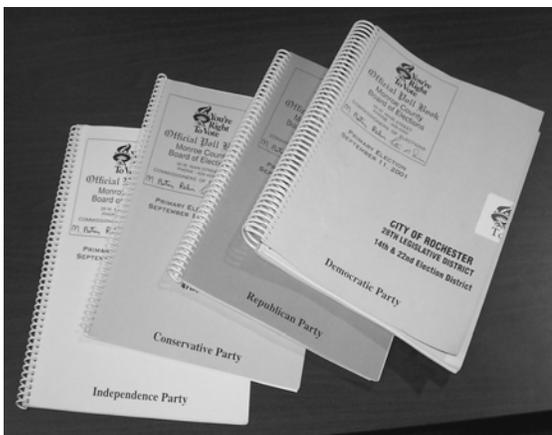
NAME CHANGES

- 1) If a Voter has changed his or her name since they last voted or registered they can still vote without re-registering, if they have not moved. Have the voter sign his or her name as it appears in the poll book and just above it, sign and *also print* their new name.
- 2) Record the information in Section I of the **Challenge Report**.

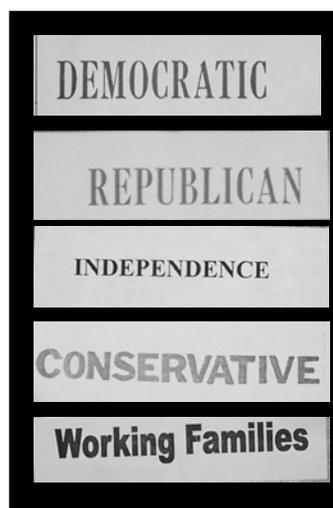
Check-In Procedure for Primary Election – Lever Machine

Remember: Only voters registered in a party experiencing a primary may vote in that party's primary.

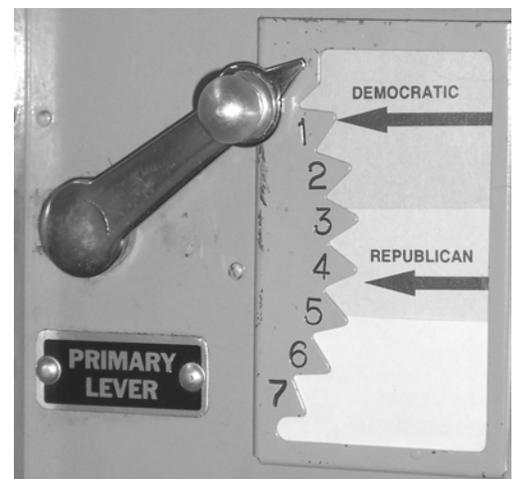
- 1) For Primary Elections you will have a separate poll book for each political party having a Primary Election. Each party will have a different colored book.
- 2) Each Book will contain consolidated districts (the voters in several election districts may be in one book and vote on one machine).
- 3) Ask the voter what party they are registered in. Go to the poll book corresponding to that party. Follow check-in procedures.
- 4) After the voter signs the poll book, issue them a VOTER PARTY (or PRIMARY) I.D. SLIP. Each slip will be the same color as the poll book.
- 5) The voter then hands it to the Inspector at the side of the voting Machine who sets the Primary Lever to the correct party. The lever should be set at the same color as the ID slip.
- 6) Setting the lever to the voter's party will prevent them from voting in any other party.



Primary Poll Books



Primary ID Slips



Primary Lever

VOTER DOES NOT LIVE IN THE DISTRICT

If a vote does not live in the district (the inspectors can not find their house number and street in the Street Guide):

- ❖ Ask the voter if they have their Board of Elections “verification” letter (they should have received the letter in August) with their current address. The letter will show what district the voter should report to.
- ❖ Check to see if the voter is in another district at your polling site. Some polling sites have more than one district report to them.
- ❖ Check the district map included with your supplies that should be hanging on the wall. Find the street the voter lives on, identify the Election District, and match the election district to the polling site in the printed listing stapled to the district map.
- ❖ If you are still unsure, don’t guess. Call the Board of Elections: 753-1550

STREET NAME	E/O	Start	End
W COMMERCIAL ST	E	300	524
W COMMERCIAL ST	O	305	535
DRUMORE CRES	E	2	10
DRUMORE CRES	O	1	9
W ELM ST	E	300	498
W ELM ST	O	301	499
W FILBERT ST	E	300	598
W FILBERT ST	O	301	599
FOREST RD	E	2	10
FOREST RD	O	1	9
GRANT ST	E	300	698
GRANT ST	O	301	699
GREENBRIAR CT	E	2	20
GREENBRIAR CT	O	1	19
MC KINLEY ST	E	300	698
MC KINLEY ST	O	301	699
POMANDER WALK	E	2	20
POMANDER WALK	O	1	19
ROOSEVELT RD	E	300	698
W SPRUCE ST	O	301	599
UPPER CRES	E	2	4
UPPER CRES	O	1	9
S WASHINGTON ST	O	103	699
WEST AVE	E	300	598
WEST AVE	O	301	599
WOODNEATH CRES	E	2	20
WOODNEATH CRES	O	1	19

VOTER MOVES WITHIN SAME ELECTION DISTRICT

If a voter tells you he or she has moved to a new address **within** the election district:

1. Check the street guide to verify the address is within the district.
2. Have the voter sign the poll book at the old address and vote on the voting machine.
3. Add the voters name and new address to the last (orange) page of your poll book.

ATTENTION ELECTION INSPECTORS

Use this page to list the new address of a voter who has moved within this election district
(Please print clearly thank you)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	SERIAL #	NEW ADDRESS
1. Nelch	Nancy	642736	1235 Culver Rd
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			
6.			
7.			

VOTER LIVES IN THE DISTRICT BUT IS NOT LISTED IN THE POLL BOOK

NOTICE TO VOTERS

If a person’s current address is in your district, but his or her poll record is not in the book, he or she may vote by **Affidavit Ballot** or **Court Order**. Give the person “*Notice to Voters*” form which explains each option.

NOTICE TO VOTERS

NOTICE TO PERSONS WHOSE POLL RECORD IS MISSING OR IN THE CASE OF A PRIMARY ELECTION THE POLL RECORD DOES NOT SHOW ENROLLMENT IN THE PARTY IN WHICH THE VOTER CLAIMS TO BE ENROLLED

If your poll record is missing from the poll book, or your poll record does not show that you are enrolled in the party in which you claim are enrolled, you may seek to vote by one of the following methods:

1. **AFFIDAVIT BALLOT** - If you are able to swear under oath that you live in the election district in which you are seeking to vote and that you are presently registered, (primary election - also enrolled in the appropriate party), the election inspectors will give you a paper ballot on which to cast your vote. You will then place the voted ballot in an affidavit ballot envelope that needs to be completed by you. The completed envelope will be returned, unopened, to the Board of Elections. If the board determines that you are qualified to vote, your ballot will be counted at the Board of Elections. The procedure used in canvassing your ballot ensures that the secrecy of your vote is maintained.
2. **COURT ORDER** - You may seek to obtain a court order directing the election inspectors to allow you to vote on the voting machine. Your Board of Elections or Party Headquarters will be able to tell you the procedure for obtaining a Court Order.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS 428-4350
DEMOCRATIC HEADQUARTERS 232-2410
REPUBLICAN HEADQUARTERS 546-8040

Part III: Check-In Procedures

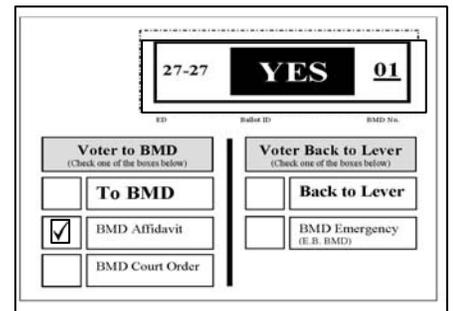
AFFIDAVIT BALLOTS

Affidavit ballots should be used when:

1. A voter’s name is not in the poll book and the voter claims to be a registered voter in the election district.
2. A person is already registered in Monroe County in another district but has recently moved into a different district.
3. A voter claims to be enrolled in a political party other than the party indicated on the poll record (only applies in a Primary Election).
4. A Voter is unable to provide identification when such identification is required (ID REQUIRED in the poll book) and asked for.

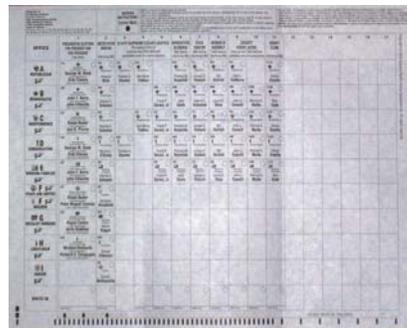
AFFIDAVIT BALLOT PROCEDURE

1. If a voter lives in the district and their name is not in the poll book, the inspectors must still ask that voter if the voter **“Do you require assistance in marking your ballot”**. If the voter says **“yes”**, the inspectors checking the voter in will give the voter a BMD tracking card (see Check-In Procedures), check off **“BMD Affidavit,”** give the voter a blank affidavit ballot envelope, and send the voter to the BMD.. If the voter says **“no”**, follow the procedure outlined below.



BMD Tracking Card, “BMD Affidavit” checked

2. Provide the voter with a paper ballot. Instructions are on the ballot.
3. Instruct the voter to privately vote on the ballot, and seal it in the affidavit envelope.
4. The voter must date, sign and completely fill out the affidavit envelope and the attached registration form (a picture of the envelope appears on the next page).

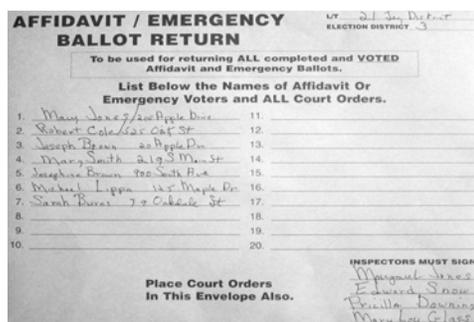


Paper Ballot



Front of affidavit ballot envelope

5. An inspector must date, sign, completely fill out the affidavit envelope, and seal the envelope properly.
6. Enter the voter’s name and address in Section IV of the **Challenge Report**.
7. The inspector places the SEALED ballot envelope in the large “Affidavit Return” envelope for return to the Board of Elections.
8. Place the voter’s name on the front of the large “Affidavit Return” envelope.



Affidavit/Emergency Return Envelope

9. All voted affidavit envelopes are returned unopened to the Board of Elections where they will be counted electronically.



Privacy Screen

Affidavit Envelope

AFFIDAVIT BALLOT ENVELOPE
INSTRUCTIONS: YOU MUST READ THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS ENVELOPE BEFORE PROCEEDING.

I affirm that I am a duly registered voter, the address in such election district from which I am registered, I remain a duly qualified voter in such district, and that my registration poll record appears to be misplaced or that my name and/or signature was omitted from the computer generated registration list or that I have moved within the county since last registered, the address from which I previously registered and the address at which I currently reside is true, or at a primary election, the party in which I am enrolled was incorrect.

1 Are you a U.S. citizen? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	2 I will be 18 years old on or before election day Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <small>If you answered NO, do not complete this form, unless you will be 18 by the end of the year.</small>	For Board use only!	
3 Last Name First Name Middle Initial Suffix			
4 Address Where You Live (do not give P.O. address)		Apt. No.	City/Town/Village
5 Address Where You Get Your Mail (if different from above)		P.O. box, star etc., etc.	Post Office
6 Date of Birth	7 Sex (circle) M F	8 Home Tel. Number (optional)	9 ID Number - Check the applicable box and give license or number
10 The last year you voted		Your Address was (give house number, street, and city)	
In county/state		Under the name (if different from your name now)	
11 Choose a Party - Check one box only <input type="checkbox"/> REPUBLICAN PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> DEMOCRATIC PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> INDEPENDENCE PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATIVE PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> WORKING FAMILIES PARTY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (write in) <input type="checkbox"/> I DO NOT WISH TO ENROLL IN A PARTY		12 AFFIDAVIT: I swear or affirm that • I am a citizen of the United States. • I will have lived in the county, city, or village for at least 30 days before the election. • I meet all requirements to register to vote in New York State. • This is my signature or mark on the line below. • The above information is true, I understand that if it is not true I can be convicted and fined up to \$5,000 and/or jailed for up to four years. Signature or mark _____ X _____ Date _____	

MUST COMPLETE BOTH SIDES

Voter must supply their New York State Driver's License Number or the last four digits of their social security number

Voter must sign the form

This side resembles a Registration Form. Make sure the voter fills it out completely and signs it.

MUST COMPLETE BOTH SIDES

AFFIDAVIT OATH

Voter must check one box in PART A, and MUST complete PART B.

I, _____, hereby swear or affirm that:
PRINT NAME HERE

PART A - Select one: you must check one of these 4 boxes, and fill in appropriate blanks:

I have been informed by the inspectors that my registration record is not available to them; however, I have duly registered to vote in this election district from the address given, and I remain a duly qualified voter in this district.

I have moved within _____ since my last registration, and my previous address was: _____
FILL IN COUNTY OR NEW YORK CITY

I am enrolled in the _____ Party (REQUIRED IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS ONLY).

I was required to present identification when I voted today, but did not do so.

PART B - Must be completed by all affidavit ballot voters:

• I reside at _____

• DATE OF BIRTH _____
Month / Day / Year

• I understand that any false statement made in this affidavit is perjury and is punishable according to law.

DATE: _____ VOTER SIGNATURE: _____

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

INSPECTOR SIGNATURE: _____

COUNTY OF: _____
CITY/TOWN _____ LEG/WARD# _____ ED# _____ AD# _____

This Section For Board of Elections Use Only:

Research Indicates:

Not Registered
 Registered Too Late
 Wrong ED
 Address Change
 Voter ID #
 Inactive
 Enrollment Match
 Cancelled
 Misc. _____

Remarks: _____

COUNT: Yes No
Researcher Initials: _____

Commissioners' Ruling
COUNT: Yes No
Commissioners' Initials: _____

Voter should check one of these boxes and supply information as needed

Voter MUST sign here

One of the inspectors MUST sign here

Fill this area out completely

Make sure the voter fills this side out completely and signs it. Make sure an inspector signs it.

IMPORTANT

By law, all ballot envelopes must be signed by the voter and an inspector or they will not be counted.

COURT ORDERS

*If their name does not appear in the poll book and the voter wishes to vote on the voting machine, they **must** get a Court Order.*

Court Order Procedure – Lever Machine

- 1) Inspectors should present the voter with the “**Notice to Voters.**” The phone numbers of Democratic and Republican Headquarters is shown on the *Notice to Voters*. Each party maintains attorneys on election day to assist voters with the preparation of a Court Order.
- 2) A voter must fill out these papers, which are taken before Supreme Court Judge (one is normally available in the County Office Building, 39 West Main Street, next to the Board of Elections). The Judge will examine the papers and if all is in order, generally sign the papers allowing the voter to vote on the machine.
- 3) The voter must then take these papers back to their correct election district and present them to the inspectors.
- 4) The inspectors **MUST** allow the voter to vote on the machine.
- 5) Inspectors must take the Court Order and put it in the Affidavit/Emergency return Envelope. Record the public counter from the lever machine (if the voter votes on the lever machine) on the upper right hand corner of the court order.
- 6) Inspectors must note the voter’s name, address and public counter number on Section IV of the Challenge Report.
- 7) In a PRIMARY ELECTION, the court order must specify the party in which the person is allowed to vote.

Sample Court Order

Court Orders - BMD

If a voter presents a court order and wants to use on the Ballot Marking Device (BMD), the voter must be allowed to use the BMD. Give the voter a BMD tracking card and the Court Order and direct them to the BMD. Check off “BMD Court Order on the BMD Tracking Card.” Remind the voter to present the Court Order to the inspectors at the BMD. The BMD inspectors with note the BMD number on the Court Order. Enter “BMD” and the Control Number on Section IV of the Challenge Report.

Machine Breakdowns – BMD and Lever Machine

If either the lever voting machine or the BMD malfunctions, the inspectors must call the BOARD OF ELECTIONS immediately and seek permission from the Commissioners to use EMERGENCY BALLOTS until the voting machine is fixed. Technicians will be displaced to fix the lever machine or BMD.

- 1) The Voter, whose name is in the poll book, will sign the poll book, as usual, but write **E.B.** (Emergency Ballot) in the Public Counter Box if the lever voting machine is broken down. If the voter wishes to use the BMD and it is broken down, the inspectors will write **E.B. BMD**.

LEVER MACHINE OR SCANNER ON BMD IS MALFUNCTIONING.

- 2) Provide the voter with a paper ballot if the voter will be voting on the lever machine. Instructions are on the ballot.
- 3) Instruct the voter to privately vote the ballot, and seal it in the Green and White Emergency Ballot envelope.
- 4) If the voter is using the BMD and the scanner is not functioning, fold the completed printed ballot and place it in the sealed Green and White Emergency Ballot envelope.
- 5) Voter fills out all information on both sides of the Green and White Emergency Ballot envelope OR the inspectors may provide assistance.
- 6) Voter returns the ballot sealed in the envelope to the Inspector.
- 7) The inspector makes sure it is signed and filled out properly.
- 8) **The inspector must sign “signature of witness.”**
- 9) Place voted ballot in Affidavit Return Envelope (the BMD Inspectors will return the ballot to the inspectors at the machine).
- 10) The voter’s name must be entered on the front of the Return Envelope.

PRINTER ON BMD IS NOT FUNCTIONING

If the BMD printer is not functioning, the voter wishing the use the BMD may choose to vote with the lever machine (see normal check-in procedures) OR they may choose to use the lever machine emergency ballot procedure.

Emergency Ballot Envelope

Emergency Ballot Return Envelope

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In an immediate emergency (fire or flood, for instance), secure these items in the front of the voting machine **using the #3 Key**:

- ✘ Poll Book
- ✘ Completed Emergency Ballots
- ✘ Completed Affidavit Ballots

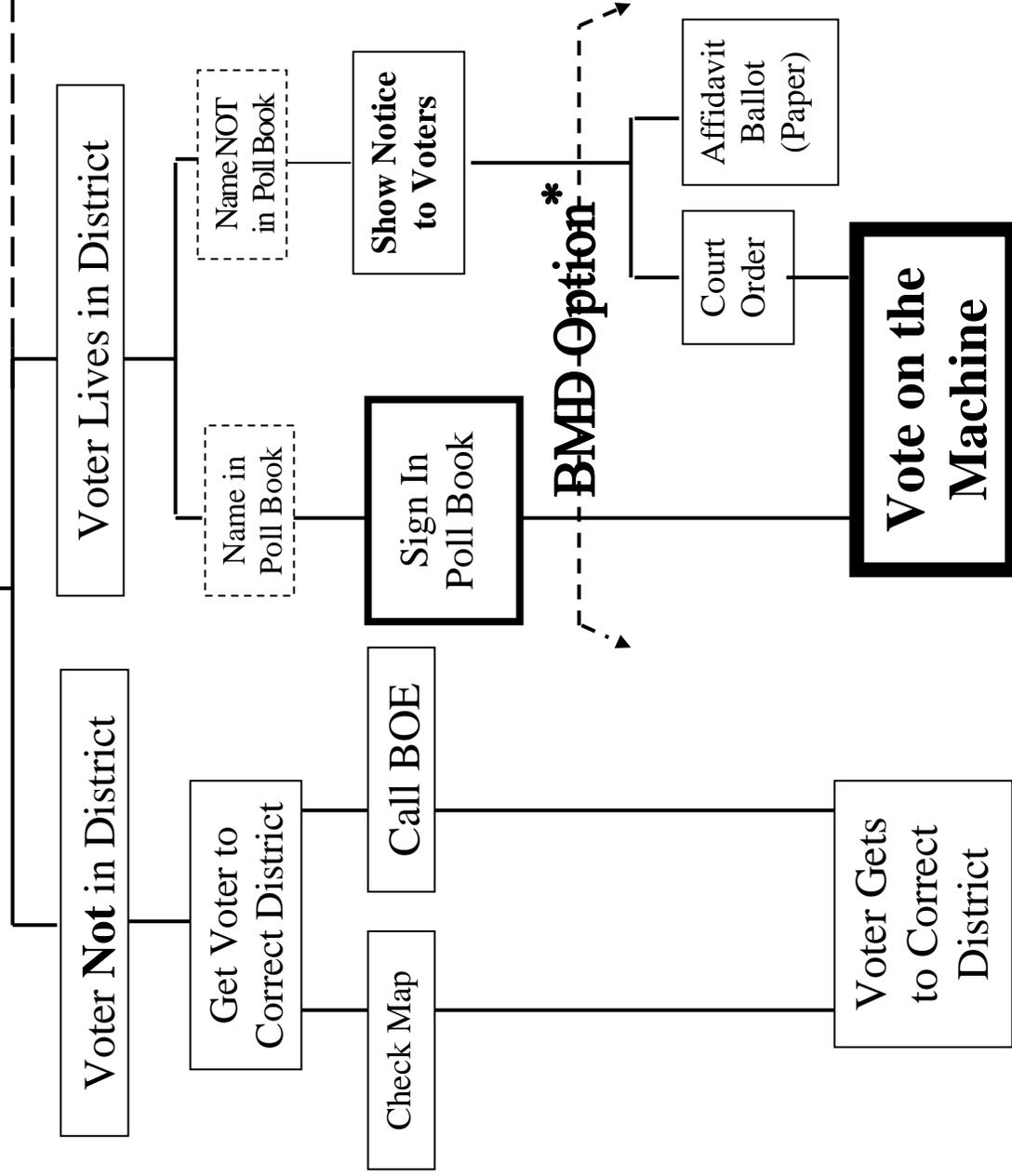
DO NOT TURN OFF THE MACHINE.

- ✘ Note the Public Counter number
- ✘ Place the seal through the entrance button

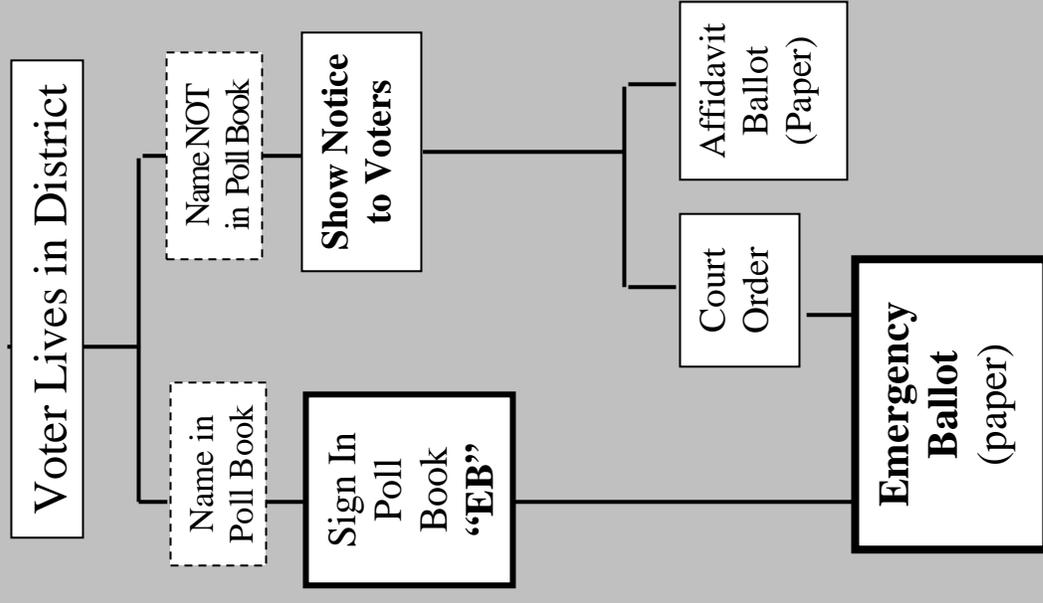
Follow this same procedure for Fire Drills
Call the Board of Elections in case of Power Failure.

Check-In Flow Chart

Check Street Guide



Machine Breakdown



* NOTE: The Ballot Marking Device (BMD) marks a paper ballot that is later hand-counted by the Board of Elections.

WRITE-IN VOTES – Lever Machine

Voters might wish to vote for a candidate NOT on the lever portion of the machine. They may then opt to cast a write-in vote. If a voter wishes to cast a write-in, instruct him or her to:

- 1) Locate write-in slots (the slots are located above the ballot face).
- 2) Open the slot of the desired column by pushing cover upwards.
- 3) Write-in the candidates name for whatever office/column they choose.

Write-In Votes: Notes for Inspectors

- 1) Once the write-in column is opened, voting by lever is not possible in that column.
- 2) It is not necessary to close a write-in slot before leaving the voting booth; it will close automatically when the red lever is pulled back.

ABSENTEE BALLOT VOTERS

Sometimes a voter who has cast an Absentee Ballot prior to Election Day will arrive at their polling site on Election Day to vote in person. They must be allowed to vote on the voting machine.

If the poll record shows “Absentee Ballot” near the voters name:

- 1) Have the voter sign his or her name in the poll book following the regular procedure.
- 2) Allow the voter to vote on the voting machine.
- 3) Before the polls close it is important that you call the Board of Elections with the names of these voters, using the number provided in the flipchart in your supplies. The Board of Elections will pull these ballots, so they are not opened and counted.

All Absentee Ballots are counted electronically at the Board of Elections.

NOTE: Do not accept voted absentee ballots; they will not be counted. Voted absentee ballots must be mailed and postmarked the day before an election day or delivered in person, on election day, to the Board of Elections.

VOTER CHALLENGES

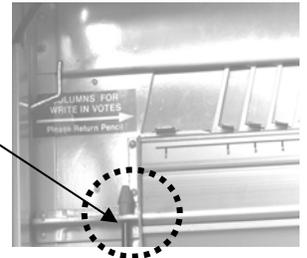
A Voter’s qualifications can be challenged at the polling site by an Inspector, a Poll Watcher or any registered voter who is properly voting at the site. Challenges can be made for several reasons:

1. The person's signature does not match.
2. The person is using the same name as someone who already voted.
3. The person is believed not to reside at his or her address.

As an Inspector you must challenge any voter who you know or suspect is not legally entitled to vote in your district. Consult the flipchart in your supplies for detailed instructions for challenging a voter.

Record voter challenges on **Section II** of the **Challenge Report**.

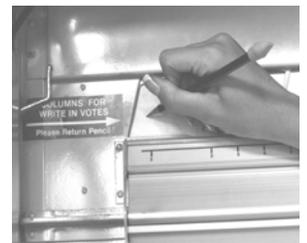
Location
of Pencil



Write-In slots located above ballot face



Voter Opens Write-In Slot



Voter writes in Name

PROVIDING VOTERS WITH ASSISTANCE

Try to help a voter before they enter the voting machine

Whenever possible, instruct a voter needing assistance, on how to use the machine before he or she enter the voting booth. Use the sample ballot to explain the location of the candidates' or any proposals on the ballot. This is especially important when the ballot is lengthy or when it contains amendments or propositions.

After the voter signs in the poll book, inspectors should ask ALL voters if they require assistance by asking “*do you require assistance in marking your ballot?*” This will determine if the voters will want to use the Ballot Marking Device. If they do not, then provide assistance as follows:

A voter may be assisted on the lever machine if they tell the inspector that they:

Cannot read or write; cannot see, even with eyeglasses, the names on the ballot; they are physically disabled such that he or she cannot operate the machine or complete a paper ballot; or they cannot enter the machine without assistance from another person.

The inspector will then administer an oath to the voter:

“Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the statements you just made are true?”

If the voter answers yes, then he or she may receive help from the inspectors OR bring a person of their choice into the voting machine to help so long as that *person is not his or her employer or union representative.*

A voter may choose to take the Spanish Interpreter into the voting machine **without** the inspectors accompanying the voter.

ASSISTANCE FROM INSPECTORS

1. Two (2) Inspectors, one Democrat and one Republican, may assist the Voter.
2. The Inspectors should:
 - ❖ Agree on all actions taken inside the voting booth.
 - ❖ ASK the voter how they can be of assistance.
 - ❖ READ the ballot to the voter, if necessary.
 - ❖ If necessary, HELP the voter pull the levers, or pull the levers **only** as instructed by the voter.
3. If inspectors happen to notice how a voter voted, tell no one. Keep the choice confidential.

OTHER PERSON REQUESTED BY VOTER

1. A person, other than an inspector, who assists the voter, **must take an oath** (Assisted Voters Oath) before entering the voting machine.
2. The person assisting must keep the voter's choices confidential.

Oath for Person(s) Assisting Voter

(Assisted Voter Oath)

I will not in any manner request, or seek to persuade or induce the voter to vote any particular ticket or for any particular candidate, and that I will not keep or make any memorandum or entry of anything occurring within the booth, and that I will not, directly or indirectly, reveal to any person the name of any candidate voted for by the voter, or which ticket they had voted, or anything occurring within the voting booth, except when required pursuant to law to give testimony as to such a manner in a judicial proceeding.

CHALLENGE REPORT

If a voter is assisted, and for every instance voters are assisted, even when assisted by the two inspectors, include the information in Section III of the Challenge Report: NAME of Voter, NAME of person assisting, and WHY assistance was given.

GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTING WITH PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

➤ **Be yourself.**

Treat people with disabilities with the same respect and consideration that you have for everyone else. Treat the person as an individual and not as a disability. As in any new situation, everyone will feel more comfortable if you relax.

➤ **Meeting someone.** When you meet someone, extend your hand to shake if that is what you normally do. A person who cannot shake hands will let you know. If you are meeting a blind person, identify yourself. If you have met before, remind the person of the context; he or she won't have the visual cues to jog the memory.

➤ **Helping.** Do not automatically give assistance; ask first if the person wants help. Follow the person's cues and ask if you are not sure. And don't be offended if someone refuses your offer of assistance. It's their choice to be as independent as they can be.

➤ **Communication.** Talk directly to the person, not to an aide, friend or interpreter. Ask the person to repeat if you don't understand them. If the person uses a wheelchair, sit down and converse at the same level. Use Braille materials for the visually impaired. Speak slowly and clearly for someone that may be hearing impaired. Let the person know when you walk away.

➤ **Socializing.** Do not leave persons with disabilities out of a conversation or activity because you feel uncomfortable or fear that they will feel uncomfortable. Include them as you would anyone else. Let it be their decision whether or not to participate.

➤ **Touching.** Do not pat or touch a person with a disability unless there is a good reason (such as shaking hands in greeting or if the person has requested assistance). However, you may gently touch a deaf person to get his attention. Never push a person's wheelchair without their permission. Do not touch someone's cane, wheelchair or other device. It is a part of that person's mobility aids.

Service Animals

Service Animals are not pets. Service animals perform some of the functions and tasks that individuals with disabilities cannot perform for themselves. Here are some tips for assisting a voter who is using a service animal:

- Address the person, not the animal.
- Do not pet the animal.
- Do not whistle or direct other noises to the animal, as such noises may be distracting
- Avoid questions about the individual's disability or what the animal does for them.
- Do not automatically assume that a person with a service animal is blind.
- If there is a complaint about an animal being present, explain that federal and state laws protect the rights of individuals with disabilities to be accompanied by service animals.

Guidelines for Interacting with People with Disabilities (continued)

- **Environments.** Be sensitive about the setting. A noisy or dark environment or many people talking at the same time might make it difficult for people with vision, speech, or hearing impairments to participate fully in a conversation. Be aware of clear paths of travel for people who use wheelchairs or are blind. Describe goings-on and surroundings (especially obstacles) to a blind person. A person with chemical sensitivity may have a reaction to smoke, perfume, or other toxins in the environment.
- **People who use Wheelchairs or Have Mobility Impairments.** People who use wheelchairs may have different disabilities and varying abilities. Some can use their arms and hands. Some can get out of their wheelchairs and even walk for short distances. Make sure that there is a clear path of travel. When talking to a wheelchair user, sit at their level. If that is not possible, stand slightly away from them, so that they aren't straining their neck to make eye contact with you. An individual with upper mobility impairment may require the assistance of the Inspectors to move the levers and/or close/open the curtain in the voting booth.
- **Language Tips: Put the Person First.** Be aware of how voter's feel and try to use terms that are not offensive. For instance, instead of "disabled person" use "person with disability. Treat people with disabilities with the same respect and consideration that you have for everyone else.
- **Hidden Disabilities.** Not all disabilities are apparent. A person may have trouble following a conversation, may not respond when you call or wave, or may say or do something that seems inappropriate. The person may have a hidden disability, such as low vision, or mental illness. They may have difficulty standing in line. Inspectors should make available an extra chair, to be used by voters who have difficulty standing and who must wait their turn.

Working with a Translator:

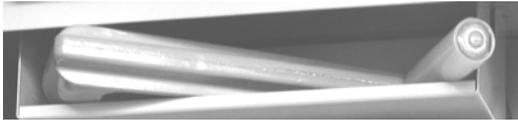
There are a number of things you can do to work more effectively with someone who is translating:

- When asking questions or giving information, talk to the voter, not the interpreter.
- Speak clearly and slowly, not loudly.
- Avoid long and complex sentences.
- Pause after about 60 seconds or after each thought is complete.
- Watch to make sure that the Interpreter is keeping up with you.
- Try not to interrupt the interpreter unless necessary.
- Avoid excessive gestures or body language. They may not mean the same thing to the voter as they do to you.

Cranking Down a Handicap Accessible Lever Machine

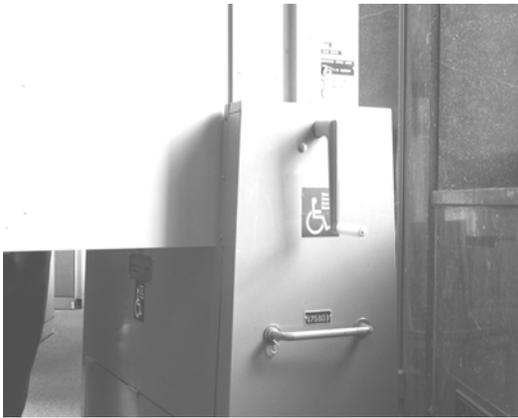
Use the handicap access machine to crank down the ballot face for a voter in a wheelchair or can not reach the levers. Be sure to drop the front panel.

1



Handicap Crank
(Found in upper left hand corner
in the back of the machine)

2



Handicap Crank in the machine

3



Drop the front panel

4



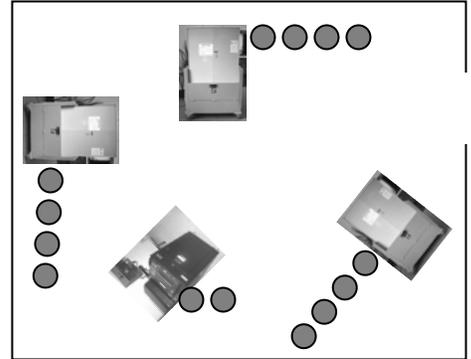
**Machine
fully
cranked
down**

Disability Etiquette

- Be considerate of the extra time it might take for a person with a disability to vote.
- Know the accessible entrance, restrooms, and other features in the building.
- Give attention to a voter who has difficulty speaking – don't rush them.
- Speak directly to the person who has a disability, not to a companion who has come to help.
- Speak calmly, slowly and directly to a person with a hearing problem.
- Provide simple and easy to follow instructions.
- Don't shout or speak in a person's ear.
- Be patient; listen carefully; do not finish sentences for the voter.
- If you are having trouble being understood, write a note to a person with a hearing problem.
- Greet a person who is visually impaired by letting them know who and where you are.
- Provide a guiding device such as a ruler or card for signing forms.
- Have a pen and pencil available.
- Be sensitive about physical contact. Some people with disabilities depend on their arms for balance. Grabbing them—even if your intention is to assist—could knock them off balance. Avoid touching wheelchairs, scooters, or canes. People with disabilities consider their equipment part of their personal space

Interacting with the Ballot Marking Device (BMD)

In 2008, a ballot marking device (BMD) will be assigned, one for each polling site. While the BMD can be used by any voter, it is specifically targeted for voters with disabilities. The BMD is a device that takes a blank sheet of paper and creates a marked ballot resulting from voter audible or tactile interface. The ballots produced in 2008 from the BMD will be hand-counted. Two inspectors, one Democratic and one Republican will be assigned to each BMD. Inspector assignments for the BMD will be done from the Board of Elections. Inspectors assigned to the lever type machines will most likely interact with the BMD inspectors at the time a voter checks in at the table or when a BMD inspector takes a lunch or dinner break or when they take short breaks throughout the day or need time to go and vote.



Sample polling place showing 3 ED with lever machines, one BMD and their inspectors.

Operating the BMD

Opening and closing the BMD will be done by the inspectors assigned to the BMD. The inspectors assigned to the lever type machines must be aware of how to process a voter at the BMD.

The audio-tactical interface (ATI) and its accessories and yellow Administrative Key (I-Button) will be used. Please consult the section of this manual that details how inspectors are to interact with voters with disabilities.

Introducing the Voter to the BMD

1. Make sure the headphones are connected to the right port of the ATI. Make sure the headphones are set to mid-range volume.
2. Direct the voter to a chair in front of the display screen and give the voter the ATI and headset that they will use to cast their ballot.
3. Explain to the voter that the BMD gives instructions on how to use the ATI and walk them through the process of creating their ballot.
4. Make sure the voter knows that they are welcome to put up their hand or press the HELP button on the ATI to ask the inspector for assistance at any time.
5. Explain that the ballot may take up to 2 minutes to print.
6. Ask the voter if the contrast (green button) or zoom (yellow button) will make their voting experience easier.



Audio-Tactical Interface (ATI)



ATI and headphones



GREEN button

YELLOW button

Photo showing the **green** (contrast) button and the **yellow** (zoom) button



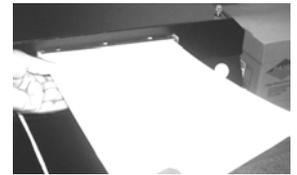
Voter using the ATI to create and mark their ballot

Starting the Audio-Visual Ballot Voting Session

The inspector should perform the following tasks to initiate a new ballot.

1. Insert a blank paper ballot into the slot of the BMD printer unit.
2. Affix the privacy sleeve to the printer unit's slot.
3. Press the yellow administrative key (iButton) to the Security Key pad on the BMD. The Administrator menu is displayed.
4. Press **Audio Session** (third button down on the left on the keypad).
5. **Enter the Ballot ID number (large number) shown on the BMD sticker portion of the card (the center number):**
 - a. **If there is only one Election District** in the polling site the message “Are you certain you want to start the ADA session with Ballot I.D.: xxxx?” is displayed.
 - i. Press **Yes** if the large number shown is correct, press **No** if it is incorrect.
 - ii. The audio session begins, and the BMD instructs the voter on how to vote an Audio ballot. The voter is first asked by the unit which language they prefer.
 - b. **If there is more than one Election District** at the polling site the message “ADA files are being validated.” During this time, ADA voting and ADA review are disabled. This “Will take a few more minutes is displayed.”
 - i. Wait until the number keypad appears.
 - ii. Using the keypad on the Operator panel, enter the Ballot ID from the BMD Slip for *this* voter’s audio session (i.e. the ballot type this voter will use), and press Enter.

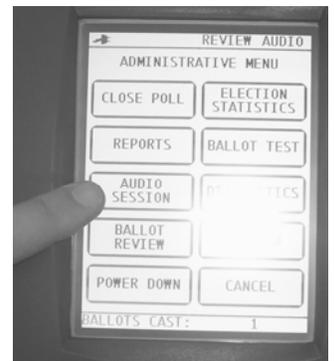
A confirmation message asks the inspector to confirm they have entered the correct number.
 - iii. Press **Yes** if the Election District number is correct, **No** if it is incorrect, or **Cancel** if the inspector wishes to leave the Audio Session option.



Blank ballot being inserted into printer



Administrative Key touched to security



Inspector touching the “Audio Session” button on the Administrative Menu

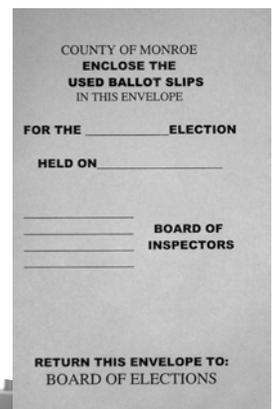
6. Place the BMD card in the **Used Slip Envelope**.

The audio session begins, and the BMD instructs the voter on how to vote an Audio ballot. The voter is first asked by the unit which language they prefer.

Audio/Visual Voting Process

Note 1: During voting, if the voter is inactive for a period of 20 seconds, a message will be provided in audio and visual format. If the voter is confused, please suggest to them to press the HELP button.

Note 2: While the BMD is in use, the alternating amber and green status lights will be flashing.

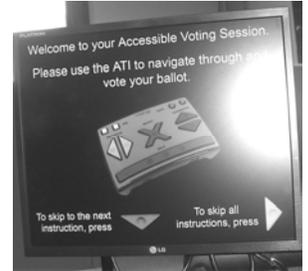


Select Language screen

Special Section: Ballot Marking Device

Note 3: At anytime if the voter needs assistance they can press the green help button on ATI.
At that time, the alternating red, amber & green status lights will be flashing.

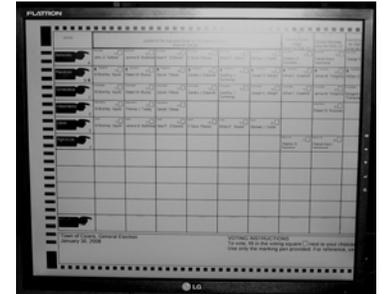
1. Select a language.
 - a. To select English, press “X”
 - b. To hear the next language, press the blue down arrow
The voice reads voting instructions.
2. To skip to next instructions, press the blue down arrow, to skip all instructions, press the yellow right button.
The message: “You are now ready to begin audio vote session.” Press Select to begin.
3. Press the blue down arrow to begin the voting session or just wait.



Navigation
Explanation Screen

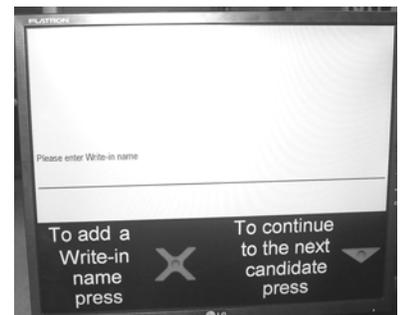
3. *The display screen automatically displays the ballot. Contest names and candidate names are highlighted in yellow as the voter moves through the ballot, so that they can see where they are in the ballot.*
The voice reads the first contest and the first candidate.

4. Do one of the following:
 - a. To select candidate, press “X”
 - b. To move from contest to contest, press yellow arrows or
 - c. To go to next candidate, press the blue down arrow
 - d. To go to the previous candidate, press the blue up arrow
 - e. To vote write-in See below



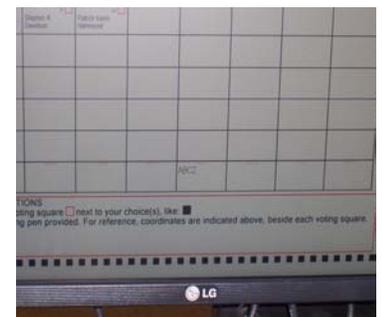
Ballot Displayed

5. Write-in Instructions
 - a. To select Write-In, press “X”
The message instructs the voter to use up and down arrows to scroll through the alphabet.



Write-In Entry Screen

- a. *The message states “ Would you like to add a write-in name?”*
- b. For yes, press the red “X” . Go to the next step.
For No, press the blue down arrow.
- c. Select the letters that spell the candidate’s name.
To select letter or enter another letter press the red “X.”
To move back and forth through the alphabet press the blue up or down arrow.
To add a space between letters, use arrows to move between the letters Z & A



Write-In Displayed
on Screen

- c. *To finish the write-in selection, press the down arrow*
 - d. To finish the write-in selection, press the down arrow
 - e. The voice spells back the voter’s selections.
 - f. To confirm the write-in is correct, press the X. If not correct, press the blue down arrow.

Special Section: Ballot Marking Device

6. At the end of the ballot, the voter will receive one of the following messages:

- a. “You are at the end of the ballot, but there are some sections still not voted for.”
- b. Your selections will now be reviewed.

7. The voter may do one of the following:

- a. To proceed to audio review, press the blue down arrow
- b. The message “Your selections will now be reviewed” is displayed.
- c. The voice reads the ballot choices and displays on screen.
- d. The voter can choose to skip the audio review by pressing “X.”
- e. To return to the ballot, press the red “X.”
- f. If you are returning to the ballot, go to step 4 above.

Note: Once you are inside the ballot, highlight the contest you wish to change - press the select button. All original selections are erased.

8. Look and listen to the ballot review.

- a. Once completed, the message “You have reviewed your ballot” is displayed.

9. Do one of the following:

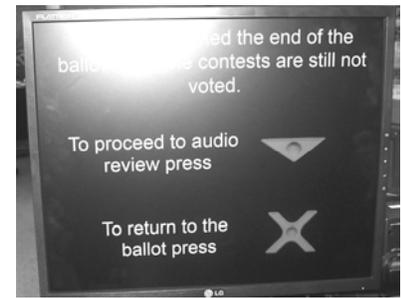
- a. To change your votes, press the blue down arrow
- b. *Go to step 4 above.*

Note: Highlight the contest you wish to change press the X select button. All original selections are erased.

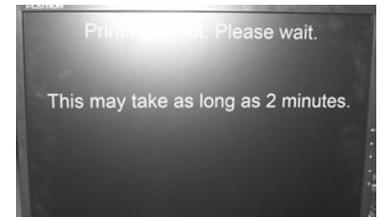
- c. To accept the review and print your ballot, press the X
Go to the next step.

Note: While printing, the flashing amber light is displayed.

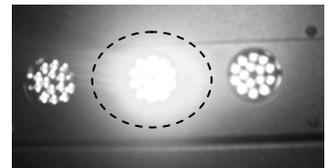
Audio message: “Your ballot is now printed please take your ballot to your poll officer for further instructions. This audio session is now over. Thank you.”



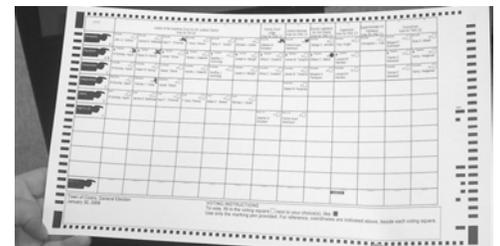
Review Screen



Print Ballot Screen



Amber Light



Printed Ballot

Depositing the Printed ADA Ballot

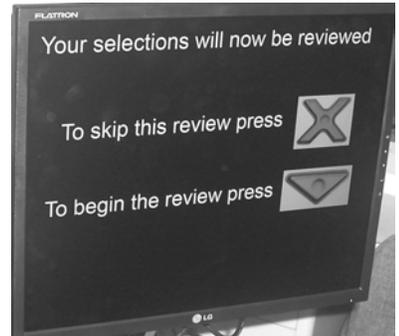
Important: If the voter needs assistance depositing the ballot into the scanner, the Inspector can insert the voted ballot (already in the secrecy sleeve) into the BMD scanner at the other end of the machine.

Note: The default setting for the BMD is to automatically provide an Audio/Visual "independent" review via the headset and display when a ballot is inserted in the scanner. This enables the voter to be as independent as possible.



Ballot going into Scanner

1. Insert ballot into the scanner.
 - a. The full ballot is displayed on the monitor; there is a slight delay for the audio instructions.
 - b. The voter will use the same process to select a language.
 - c. The voice states “Your selections for this ballot will now be reviewed.”



Review Screen, Ballot Scanner

2. At anytime the voter may press the blue arrow button to move to the next contest or the red X button to get to the end of the audio review.

The selections are read back for each contest. There may be a hesitation between contests or candidates during the review.

The voice states “Would you like to accept this review and Cast your ballot?”

3. To confirm, press red “X.”

The voice states “YES. This audio session is now over, thank you.” The voter’s ballot is deposited into the ballot box inside the BMD.

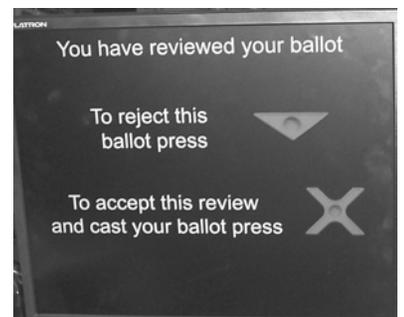
- a. Note: The number of ballots cast increments by 1.

4. To cancel and return to the ballot, the voter should press blue down arrow.

- a. The voice states “NO. This audio session is now over, thank you.”
 - b. The voter’s ballot will be returned. The inspector should determine why the voter’s ballot was returned:

(i) The voter rejected the ballot (mark the ballot “Spoiled” and place the ballot in the *spoiled ballot envelope*). Initiate a new audio session

(ii) The ballot is damaged or has an ambiguous mark: attempt re-scan the ballot; if unsuccessful, mark the ballot the spoiled and place the ballot in the *spoiled ballot envelope*)



Cast Ballot/Reject Ballot Screen

- (iii) The scanner is not functional (call the Board of Elections: see emergency ballot procedures)

Troubleshooting the BMD

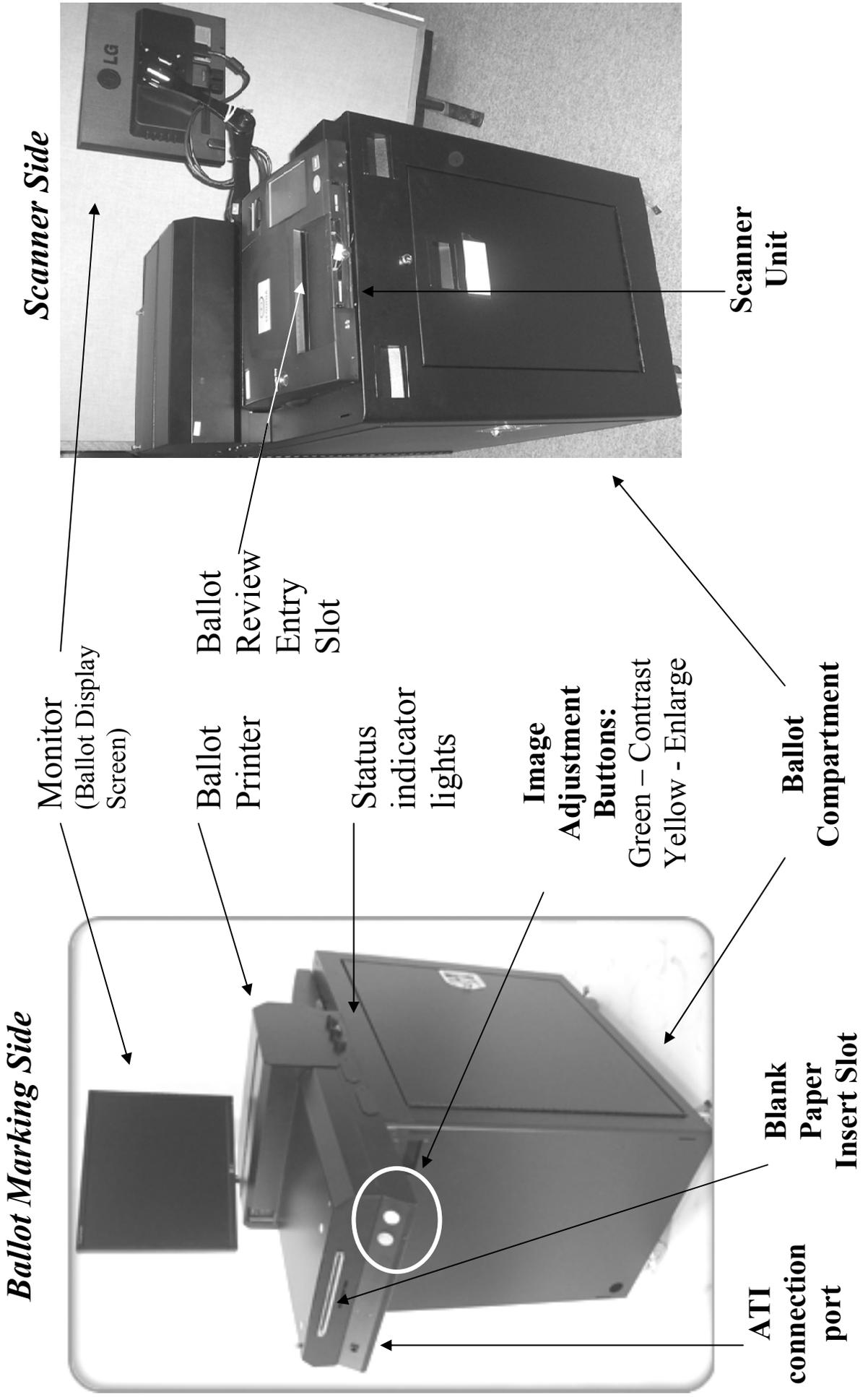
Status Light Conditions

Solid Red	Unit is starting up or is not operational.
Flashing Green	Unit is ready for use by the next voter.
Alternating Green and Amber	Voter is navigating/marketing their ballot.
Flashing Amber	Voter's ballot is being printed.
Solid Amber	Voter has inserted their ballot and is reviewing it.
Alternating Amber and Red	Unit has an error and is not functioning.
Alternating Red, Amber and Green	Voter has pressed the Help button and is receiving Help instructions on the unit. <i>Note: The Inspectors will have to monitor this during an Audio session.</i>

Machine Set-Up Issues

Security Key error	If you receive the message "Error Reading Admin Key," contact the security key to the key pad again. You may need to reposition the key and contact the key pad again.
BMD produces a beeping sound	If the AC Power Outlet is not functioning, the BMD will produce a beeping sound to notify the user that the machine is running on battery. The beeping will stop intermittently and resume again until the unit is running on AC power. Make sure the BMD power cord is plugged into an electrical outlet and the UPS has been powered up.
Red light remains illuminated on the BMD	Call the Board of Election Immediately
Monitor is not positioned correctly for voter	On the back of the computer monitor, firmly hold the long repositioning arm and move backward, forward, higher or lower to adjust monitor for the voter.
Machine is rolling or needs to be repositioned for voter	Roll the machine into the position of use and lock the wheels using the foot locks. With the ball of your foot, press down firmly to lock each of the four wheels.

The Ballot Marking Device



SPANISH INTERPRETERS

Spanish Interpreter may:

1. Assist Spanish Speaking Voters by translating information to and from Election Inspectors.
2. Sit at the inspector table.
3. Accompany the voter into the booth, without the inspectors, and translate the ENTIRE ballot for the voter.

By Federal Law polling sites across the country are required to post sample ballots and all other informational materials in Spanish, if five (5) percent of residents in an Election District are Spanish speaking. Those election districts will be assigned a Spanish speaking Interpreter whose responsibility is to assist Spanish speaking voters by translating information provided by the election inspectors.

POLL WATCHERS

Poll Watchers are appointed by a political party or candidate. In a Primary, General or Special Election any party whose candidates are on the ballot is entitled to have a Poll Watcher. Poll watchers will likely have a list of voters' names they will cross-off as voters vote.

Poll Watchers must:

- ❖ Show the Inspector a "POLL WATCHER'S CERTIFICATE"
- ❖ Be a qualified voter in the County in which he/she is to serve
- ❖ Be afforded the same rights as other voters

Poll watchers may: (1) Witness the opening of the voting machines; (2) Observe proceedings; (3) Be given information as to who has voted; (4) Observe the canvass and tally at the end of the day.

Poll watchers may not: (1) Sit at the inspector table and are not members of the inspector team; (2) Electioneer; (3) Disrupt proceedings; (4) Have access to the poll book

CANDIDATES

Candidates may:

1. Observe the opening of the polling site.
2. Observe the canvass and tally at the end of the day.

Candidates may not:

1. Disrupt proceedings.
2. Electioneer within the distance marker which is placed 100 feet from the entrance of the polling site.

Remember: Only the four (4) inspectors have access to the poll book. Only the four (4) inspectors can sit at the table (if you have a Spanish Interpreter, they can sit at the Inspector table).

The image shows a sample 'WATCHER CERTIFICATE FOR USE ON ELECTION DAY' (Section B-300, Election Law). The form includes fields for the watcher's name, address, and the election district. It also contains a 'GUIDELINES' section with several bullet points regarding the duties and restrictions of poll watchers.

WATCHER CERTIFICATE
FOR USE ON ELECTION DAY
Section B-300, Election Law

I/We, the undersigned, being _____, _____
of the _____, _____
_____ party, do hereby appoint
_____ of _____ County of _____
_____ to be a watcher for the election to be held on _____ in the _____
election district, in the _____ ward or equivalent of the town,
city, or village of _____ or the _____ Assembly District
in Nassau County or the City of New York.

Signature _____ Title _____

GUIDELINES

- Watchers shall be appointed by the chair of any party committee or independent body whose candidate names appear on the ballot or any one or more candidates on a primary election.
- Each watcher must be a qualified voter of the city or county in which he/she is to serve.
- Watcher certificates must be delivered to an inspector at the election district.
- Not more than three watchers for any party committee or independent body or candidates whose names appear on the ballot may be appointed to serve at the same election district.
- Watchers may be present at the polling place at least fifteen minutes before the unloading and examination of any voting machines or ballot boxes at the opening of the polls, until after the signing of the inspection return and preservation of the watch.
- Not more than one watcher appointed by each party committee or independent body or candidates whose names appear on the ballot may be within the guard rail at any one time.

(Sample prepared by the State Board of Elections)

Sample Poll Watchers Certificate

Electioneering

Any advertisement, display or speech containing a political party or candidate's name within 100' of the polling site.

Examples:

- ❖ Name Badges
- ❖ Buttons
- ❖ Name on a label attached to food
- ❖ Bumper Stickers
- ❖ Memorabilia (Pencils, rulers, etc.)
- ❖ Advertisements (newspapers, TV)



Election Etiquette

Election Inspectors must:

- Check and recheck to make sure voters are able to exercise their right to vote.
- Remain calm at all times (no yelling).
- Be flexible and sympathetic to the needs of voters.
- Be polite to voters.
- Use all resources at your disposal, including calling the Board of Elections.
- Be considerate to your fellow inspectors (no arguing or shouting).
- Be respectful of Coordinators from both parties.
- Be courteous toward any custodians, teachers, managers, security or other staff in your polling site.
- Be courteous toward poll watchers and candidates. Kindly advise them of election procedures, if necessary.
- Be courteous toward media that appear at your polling site.
- Take care of your polling site: keep your table organized and the facilities clean.
- Follow the guidance of your Chairperson and Coordinators.

Breaks & Meals

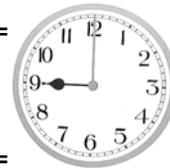
- Take reasonable meal breaks. The Board recommends that breaks and meal time be taken at slower intervals, mid-morning and mid-afternoon, during the day.
- The exact time of breaks should be decided among the inspectors. The Board of Elections recommends that meal times not exceed a half hour for lunch and a half hour for dinner.
- All inspectors should be present from 5-7pm.
- Inspectors should return ON TIME, from breaks or meal periods.
- No food or drink should be kept on the table where the poll book, street guide and other official documents are set up.

Conduct

- While working, inspectors MAY NOT bring children to the polling site.
- While working, inspectors MAY NOT bring pets to the polling site.
- While working, inspectors should refrain from long conversations with friends.
- Inspectors must dress professionally.
- TVs, radios, and laptops should not be brought to the polling site.
- Cell phone use should be kept to a minimum when working: try to return calls on break.

CLOSING THE POLLS – Lever Machine

Polls close at exactly 9:00 P.M. Inspectors must use the time displayed in the polling site to determine if it is 9:00 P.M.



- ❖ Voters already in line in each reporting ED must be permitted to vote.
- ❖ No inspector should turn off or close their machine until the last voter has left the polling site.
- ❖ All activities must be done in bi-partisan teams (one Republican and one Democrat).

Canvassing the Machine

1. Make sure that the entrance button is out.
2. Insert the #2 key into the #2 lock. Turn down the key to turn the machine “off.”
2. Open the back of the voting machine with the #3 key.
3. Two (2) inspectors one from each party, read the vote totals from the back of the voting machine loudly and clearly. Read the results by column from right to left; call by column and row (e.g. 1A, 2A and so forth).
4. Two (2) inspectors record the numbers on the canvass sheet and yellow tally sheet.
5. If the date line is no longer visible, cut the paper roll.



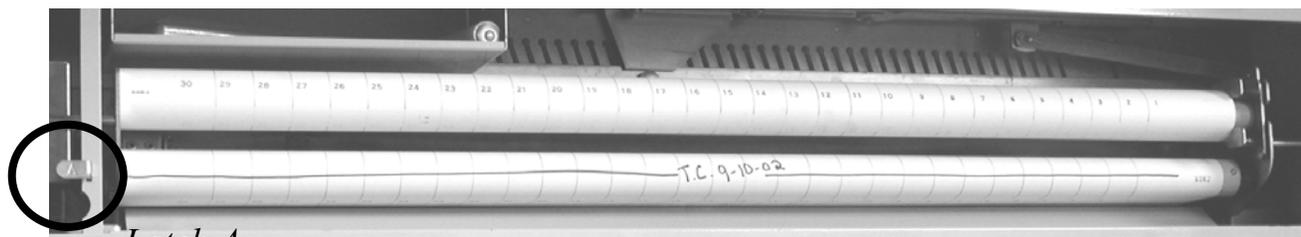
#2 Key turns off machine



#3 Key locks back of machine



Voting Machine Dials



Latch A

Paper Rolls, showing no write-in votes cast (date-line visible)

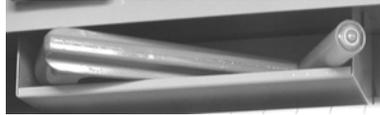
Paper Roll Procedure (Only when dateline is NOT visible)

1. Pull out Latch “A” which is to the left of the paper roll.
2. Loosen the paper on the upper roll and cut the paper all the way across the upper roll.
3. Making sure Latch “A” is still out, pull the paper off the lower roll.
4. After canvassing the write-in votes label the paper with your L.D./Town and Election District and sign it.
5. Carefully fold the paper and return it to the Board of Elections in the Paper Roll Return Envelope.
6. Tally the write-in votes on the canvass sheet.

Part VII: Closing the Polls

Closing the Polls – Lock-Up and Re-Pack Supplies

1. Replace the Handicap Accessible crank.
2. Close and lock the back of the voting machine with the #3 key.
3. Complete the “After the Polls Closed” section of the Canvass; all four (4) inspectors must sign it.
4. Seal the poll ledger with the two stickers provided in the “chairperson envelope.”
5. Take down signs.
6. Re-Pack carefully. Separate **ORANGE DOT** items from the other materials and place in **ORANGE DOT** bag. **DO NOT** place orange dot items in the machine.
7. Repack plastic bags according to the recommendations at the right. All supplies **except** those with an orange dot must be placed in the machine.
8. Never throw any written materials away: pack them with the supplies sent back in the voting machine.
9. Secure the seal in the entrance button.
10. Lock the front of the voting machine with the #3 key.
11. If one is present, bring the flag inside the polling site.
12. Place machine keys in orange dotted return key envelope and place in orange dotted bag.
13. Inspectors do not need to cover the machine and should not wait for the machine to be picked up.
14. The lead district in the Polling Site will receive the BMD keys, Accountability Sheet and Cast Ballot Envelope. Return the items with the orange dot in the orange dot bag to the designated location. Place the Cast Ballot envelope in the Lever Machine.



Crank returned to compartment in back of voting machine

After the Polls Closed

(To be filled out and signed by the Board of Inspectors as indicated below, AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE POLLS.)

WE HEREBY CERTIFY

That, this day, as soon as the polls were closed, the entrance knob of the voting machine No. 028971 was locked against movement, and sealed with seal No. 263715

That the Protective Counter registered 041502
That the total number of votes as shown by the Public Counter is 502

That the Chairman of the Board of Inspectors, under the scrutiny of another member representing a different political party, called off the vote for each candidate as shown on the counters of the machine, and that such vote was recorded on this Returns of Canvass sheet by an inspector and the poll clerks.

That the vote as recorded on this Returns of Canvass was then compared with the figures on the machine by being called therefrom by an inspector of a different political party than the one who first announced the vote.

That the machine is closed and locked.

We do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct Statement of the votes received by each candidate in this election district.

Elizabeth R. Krause
Laura Eddinger
Rudolph Blake
Betty Jones
(Signed) Board of Inspectors.

“After the Polls Closed”
section of the Canvass
Report

Repacking Recommendations

Orange Dot Bag

- ❖ City Clerk/Town Clerk Return Envelope with completed Canvass Sheet sealed in envelope.
- ❖ Board of Elections Return Envelope with Completed Canvass Sheet Sealed in envelope.
- ❖ Voting Machine Keys Return Envelope with Machine Keys Sealed in envelope.
- ❖ Completed Yellow Tally Sheet.

1st Large Bag

- ❖ Poll Book sealed, Signature Cover.
- ❖ Street Guide.
- ❖ Flip Chart
- ❖ Certificate of Service signed by all Inspectors and chairperson
- ❖ City Payroll Sheets, one sheet signed by each Inspector and chairperson
- ❖ Challenge Report
- ❖ AVM Instructions
- ❖ Spanish Interpreter Vouchers completed and sealed in the envelope
- ❖ Paper Roll Return envelope with used Paper Roll sealed in the envelope
- ❖ Call-in sheet (specific districts only)
- ❖ “Notes to the Commissioners”
- ❖ Completed Voter Registration Forms
- ❖ Affidavit Return Envelope with completed Affidavits or emergency Ballots sealed in the envelope

2nd Large Bag

- ❖ Welcome to District signs
- ❖ Small bag with pens and pencils, remaining stickers
- ❖ Map with polling sites
- ❖ All signs – Distance Markers, Arrows, etc
- ❖ Cardboard Voting Booth
- ❖ Unused Voter Registration forms
- ❖ Unused Affidavit/Emergency Ballots supplies

Appendix I: The Election Process

The process that creates a Primary in September and then a General Election in November can actually begin as early as March. This is a brief description of how elections occur.

Sometime between March and June, local, county and state parties will hold **nominating meetings** (or conventions) to select or **designate** candidates. Designated candidates are then placed on **Designating Petitions** (state candidates achieve ballot status directly through the convention process). In order for a candidate to achieve ballot status, they must collect a set number of signatures depending on the office sought. Usually, Designating Petitions are passed in the first week of June and are filed at the Board of Elections in the second week of July. For any office, if more candidates are designated than the number of positions available (e.g. four council seats available, but five candidates are designated) a **Primary** must be held.

Just after Designating Petitions are filed, **Independent Petitions** may be passed. These are petitions that name some other party and, like Designating Petitions, require a set number of signatures for a candidate to achieve ballot status, depending on the office. Independent Petitions are filed in early August. Candidates that qualify from filing an Independent Petition will appear on the **General Election** ballot.

Primary Elections are elections within parties that determine which candidates will represent their party in the **General Election**.

Only voters registered within a party experiencing a **Primary** may vote in that Primary.

Any registered voter may vote in a **General Election**.

Absentee Ballots are available to any registered voter if they are out of the County, in County but ill, or have a disability that prevents them from participating in a Primary, General, Presidential Primary or Special Election day.

Appendix II: Inspector Pay

All inspectors are employed by the Monroe County Board of Elections.

Hours of Work

★ General Election (6:00am-9:00pm): 16 hours (5:30am-9:30pm)

★ Primary Election (Noon-9:00pm): 10 hours (11:30am-9:30pm)

Partial Hours

The Board of Elections does not endorse inspectors working partial days. Please call your coordinator, or inform them when you are scheduled, if you are unable to work the entire day. Your pay will only be for the actual hours worked.

How are inspectors paid?

Inspectors are paid for their election day service by the county in which they serve, in an amount fixed by the county legislative body. In Monroe County, the County Legislature has set inspector pay at **\$10.00 per hour. Inspectors are paid for attending required training schools only if they work either the Primary or General Elections.** The Board of Elections does NOT directly pay inspectors. The Board can confirm if any inspector worked, but questions about pay should be directed to the City or Town Clerks. Checks generally are sent within 4-6 weeks after the election. The phone numbers for the Clerks are:

Rochester	428-7421	Ogden	352-2140
Brighton	784-5250	Parma	392-9461
Chili	889-3550	Penfield	340-8600
Clarkson	637-1130	Perinton	223-0770
ER	586-3553	Pittsford	248-6200
Gates	247-6100	Riga	293-3880
Greece	225-2000	Rush	533-1312
Hamlin	964-2421	Sweden	637-2144
Henrietta	359-7040	Webster	872-7060
Irondequoit	467-8840	Wheatland	889-1553
Mendon	624-6060		

Vouchers

Town Pay Vouchers – Each Town has their own voucher format and their own method of distributing and collecting vouchers. In many towns, inspectors are asked to return their vouchers in the orange dot bag at closing time. If inspectors have questions about receiving or returning vouchers, they should speak to their coordinators.

City Vouchers – It is critical that City Inspectors COMPLETELY fill out the City Pay Voucher. Any areas on the form left blank will result in your pay being delayed. You will find your vouchers in the bag that is brought in the morning. Please fill them out in the morning. The vouchers should be returned in one of the bags placed in the machine at closing.

Special Procedures for the Ballot Marking Device

Returning a Blank Paper Sheet

If the BMD user desires to end their voting session, the inspectors may press the red button located under the printer unit and the blank paper sheet will be returned. So long as the paper is blank (unmarked) it may be re-used.

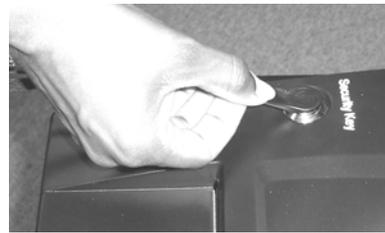


Pressing the red return blank paper button

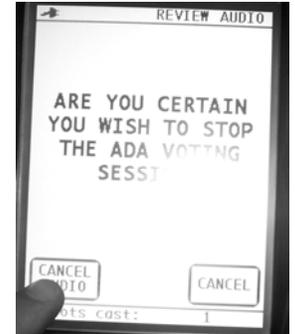
Canceling the Voting Session

If you need to cancel an audio ballot while it is in session, do the following:

1. Use the administrative key (iButton) to display the operator screen menu.
2. Press **Audio Session**.
3. Press **Cancel Audio**.
4. That audio voting session is canceled.



Operator touching the administrative key to the security key pad



Canceling an audio session from the administrative menu

Printer is not working

If a message appears on the monitor indicating a printer error and/or any display of red lights appears on the printer unit:

1. Press the top button on the printer unit (circle symbol) until the printer unit powers down.
2. Wait 3 seconds
3. Press the top button again on the printer unit (circle unit). Print will go through start-up process.
4. Wait until end of start-up process.
5. On the ATI Press the red X.
6. The solid green circle (top button of printer unit) should be displayed.
7. If the top circle is not displayed, call the Board of Elections.



Printer unit buttons:

Top green button
Red indicators.

Correcting Mistakes

One feature of the BMD is the identification of ballots that may have been inadvertently marked incorrectly. In these cases, the BMD will notify the operator by issuing a series of short, audible beeps combined with a Warning message on the operator screen. There are three warning scenarios: under votes, bank ballots, and misreads.

Special Procedures for the Ballot Marking Device

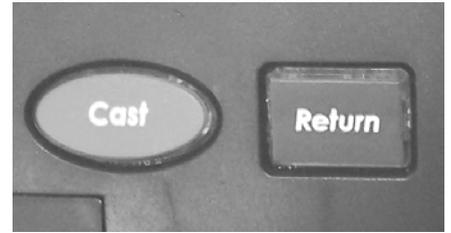
1. Undervote

If the message on the operator screen on the scanner side of the BMD reads **“WARNING! YOU HAVE UNDERVOTED FOR AT LEAST ONE CONTEST. TO RETURN AND CORRECT THE BALLOT, PRESS ‘RETURN’. TO CAST THE BALLOT AS-IS, PRESS ‘CAST’.**

This warns that the voter has selected fewer than the allowed number of candidates for the contest(s) indicated. It may be that the voter does not intend to vote in certain contests, or that he/she does not intend to vote for the maximum number of candidates allowed for certain contests.

The voter is offered the option to have the ballot returned to them for correction, or to have the BMD accept the ballot ‘as-is’. After the ballot is cast, the voter cannot receive a new ballot.

If the voter wants the ballot returned, press the red **Return** button.



Inspector pressing the red button for blank ballot return

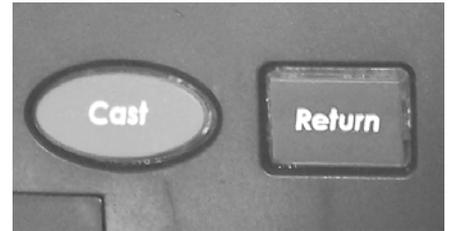
2. Blank Ballot

A blank ballot warning occurs when the BMD does not detect any markings after the ballot has been inserted on the scanner side. The operator screen will display a message that reads: **“WARNING! BLANK BALLOT DETECTED. PLEASE ENSURE YOU USED THE PROPER MARKING PEN IN THE PROPER VOTING AREAS. TO RETURN AND CORRECT THE BALLOT, PRESS ‘RETURN’. TO CAST THE BALLOT AS-IS, PRESS ‘CAST’.”**

This warns that the voter has not made any selections. It may be that the voter intentionally wishes to cast a blank ballot, but most likely the voter made an error while marking his/her ballot and inadvertently did not make any selections.

The voter is offered the option to have the ballot returned to them for correction, or to have the BMD accept the ballot ‘as-is’. After the ballot is cast, the voter cannot receive a new ballot.

If the voter wants the ballot returned, press the red **Return** button.



Inspector pressing the red button for blank ballot return

3. Misread

A misread warning indicates that the BMD has not recognized all of the features on the ballot, or that certain essential ballot identification markings cannot be found. This usually occurs for one of the following reasons: the ballot is physically damaged (torn or folded, for example), there are stray markings that were inadvertently made on the ballot that obstruct certain important



Ballot being inserted in the scanner side of the BMD

Special Procedures for the Ballot Marking Device

identifiers (called registration marks) along the sides or the bottom of the ballot, or the ballot was inserted into the machine incorrectly.

The operator screen will display a message that reads: **“WARNING! PAPER INSERTED WAS MISREAD AND COULD NOT BE VERIFIED AS A VALID BALLOT. PLEASE VERIFY BALLOT AND REFEED. “**

In this warning case, the machine will automatically return the ballot. Explain to the voter that the ballot was not counted by the machine and needs to be re-inserted.

- a. Re-insert the ballot into the BMD.
- b. If the ballot repeatedly generates this message, place it into the *reject ballot envelope*, and instruct the voter to obtain a new ballot.
- c. Make sure that voter understands how to properly mark the ballot.

4. **Ballot Jams**

Ballot/paper jams are rare events but can occur. If a jam has occurred, the BMD will report it on the operator screen.

If there is a ballot/paper jam, the operator screen will display a message that says: **“PAPER JAM DETECTED. PLEASE CLEAR ANY PAPER FROM THE DEVICE AND PRESS THE ‘CLEARED’ BUTTON**

To deal with a ballot/paper jam:

- a. Ask the voter to remain at the station until the problem is resolved.
- b. Do not look at the markings on the ballot at any time.
- c. If any part of the ballot is protruding through the entry slot, pull the ballot out and return it to the voter.
- d. If the ballot is not damaged, it can be re-inserted into the BMD.
- e. If the ballot is damaged, a new ballot will need to be marked.
- f. If, after re-inserting the ballot, the BMD still detects a paper jam, the operator screen will display a message that reads **“TURN OFF MACHINE AND CLEAR JAM.”**

DO NOT TURN OFF THE MACHINE. CALL THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS IMMEDIATELY and REQUEST PERMISSION TO USE EMERGENCY BALLOTS.

- g. The voter has the option of using the lever machine or using the emergency ballot procedure (pre-printed paper ballot). Please see Emergency Ballot Procedures.

If the Scanner Becomes Inoperable

If the BMD scanner becomes inoperable for any reason, call the Board of Elections immediately (see emergency ballot procedures).

Reoccurring Problems

Should the same problem occur twice, call the Board of Elections immediately.

Glossary of Terms

Absentee Ballot – A paper ballot issued by the Board of Elections, prior to Election Day, for voters who will be out of the County or in County but ill.

Active Inspector – An inspector working in an election district for a given election.

AD (Assembly District) – An area encompassing a number of election districts in which an Assembly member is elected.

Affidavit Ballot – A paper ballot issued to a voter who is otherwise not in a poll book but who lives in the ED. After voters have voted the ballot, it is placed in an affidavit envelope, sealed, signed, and then placed in the Affidavit/Emergency Return Envelope.

B Machines – A second machine assigned to an election district due to an excess in the number of voters in that election district.

Ballot Marking Device – A device that creates a marked paper ballot that is the result of voter interaction with visual or audio prompts.

Call-In District – An ED selected by the Board of Elections to call-in turnout figures (public counter number) at specific times throughout the day.

Certificate of Service – A green sheet of paper that all inspectors must sign to be credited for working on an election day; contains the Oath of Office and must be certified by the Chairperson.

Chair (person) – The head inspector elected by the team of 4 inspectors on an election day; the chief political position of a County Committee; an officer of a local Committee responsible, at minimum, for specific Committee functions and conduct of meetings.

Challenge Report – A blue sheet of paper where name changes, challenges, court orders, affidavit ballots, and instances of assisting voters are recorded.

Consolidated Districts – Occurs when the voters in two or more Election Districts are combined into one poll book and machine.

District – A generic term that can refer to an ED, LD, AD, State Senate District, or any other jurisdictional area.

District Maps – A street map, usually of an LD or Town, displaying an ED overlay. Used to locate polling sites and direct voters.

ED (Election District) – The smallest political unit usually comprising neighborhoods and indicted by a number (e.g. ED 24). Voters must vote in their ED. Inspectors serve in an ED. Committee members are elected from an ED.

Emergency Ballot – A paper ballot issued only when a machine breaks-down and only with permission from the Commissioners. After a voter has voted the ballot, it is placed in a green and white envelope, sealed, signed, and put in the Affidavit/Emergency Return Envelope.

Emergency Release Lever – A small metal lever located under the party fist cards that is used to release the red handle without casting any votes.

Entrance Button – The button on the right hand side of the machine pushed before a voter enters the machine.

Fist Card – The dark hand with index finger pointing that displays the name of a party in the front of the machine.

Flip Chart – A resource included in election day supplies that lists a variety of solutions to challenges that inspectors may face throughout the day.

General Election – An annual election open to any registered voter.

Hispanic District – An ED determined through census figures to possess over 5% Spanish-speaking population.

I Voted Stickers – a round adhesive that has “I voted today” on it. Inspectors should hand these stickers to voters, not place them directly on clothing.

LD (Legislative District) – An area encompassing a number of election districts in which a County Legislative Member is elected.

Leader – The political head of a local (Town, City, or LD) Committee. Minimum function is to act as liaisons between their County Committee and their local Committee.

Lever (or Pointer) – the bar that a voter pushes down to indicate a vote.

LTED – A Board code for a Legislative District or Town and an Election District (eg.60002: Riga, ED 2)

Machine Diagram – see sample ballot

Machine Face – The ballot as displayed on the machine.

Orange Dot Items – Materials that must be returned to a Board of Election Supply Return Location in the City or to the Town Hall and Town Clerk in the Towns on election night after the polls close.

Paper Roll – a roll of paper wound around a metal spool located in a small compartment at the back of machine. Write in votes are recorded on the paper roll. If the paper is removed at closing, it must be folded and placed in the paper roll return envelope.

Pay Voucher – A form that inspectors must fill out completely in order to be paid for their work. It is a purple color for City Pay Roll.

Poll Book – The ledger containing a voter’s name, address, and signature in which a voter must sign before they allowed to vote on the machine. In a Primary, all eligible voters enrolled in each party having a Primary will be in separate poll books labeled by party.

Primary Election – An election within a party for an office or offices. The winner appears on the General Election ballot.

Primary Lever – A lever located on the right hand side of the machine that inspectors must set to the party of the voter entering the machine. Used only is a Primary Election.

Primary Slips – Colored slips of paper corresponding to parties that are given to voters after they sign the poll book (of the same color) and then are given to an inspector at the machine who sets the Primary Lever. Used only in a Primary Election.

Protective Counter – A dial located on the right hand side of the machine that records the total number voters who have ever entered the machine and pulled the red handle.

Public Counter – A dial located on the right hand side of the machine that records the total number of voters that have entered the machine and pulled the red handle for that particular election.

Red Handle – The metal rod that voters pull to the right to close the curtains and begin voting and then pull to the left to open the curtains after the votes have been indicated.

Sample Ballot – A paper diagram of the machine face.

Seal – a metal strip that is placed through the entrance button.

Street Directory - Listings with all house numbers and streets within a site.

Street Guide – Listings with house numbers and streets within an ED.

Substitute Inspector – A trained inspector interested in working in an election district on election day, but not assigned to an election district.

Voting Booth – A piece of upright cardboard used to give voters privacy when they vote on a paper ballot.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Lever Machine

ELECTION PROCEDURES

What is the procedure for B Machines?

Sometimes, if a large number of voters are anticipated to vote in a district, that district will receive two machines. They are termed “A” and “B” machines. Open and check both machines when you arrive at the polling site. Voters may vote on either the A machine or the B machine. In the poll book you must indicate which machine the voter used. You will have one poll book. Example: the first voter on the A machine is 1A. The second voter on the B machine is 2B. It is important that you keep accurate records on which machine the voter used. At the close of the polls you will need to canvas both the A machine and the B machine. Read the numbers off the back of the voting machine, and record them on the canvas sheets. The A machine total and the B machine total is added together on the canvas sheet. Follow normal closing procedures for the machines, but place all of the non-orange dotted supplies in the B Machine only.

Why are there two keys on the key ring?

The #2 key is for turning the machine on and off. On many machines, inspectors can tell the machine is turned on when the red mark above the lock is lined up with the red mark on the lock. The #3 key opens the front and back of the machine. Remember: the small latch must be horizontal in order to remove the #3 key from the lock.

Can any inspector, other than the Chairperson, sign important documents?

Any inspector may sign affidavit ballots or emergency ballots. All inspectors must sign the Affidavit/Emergency Return Envelope, the Certificate of Service, the Key Return Envelope, the Paper Roll Return Envelope, and the Canvass Report. **The Chairperson MUST sign city pay vouchers.**

Does an ID need to be current for it to be accepted?

Yes. The ID should be no more than a few years old. Identification applies only new voters who have not submitted ID by mail. The ID must contain the voter’s name and address or name and photo.

What happens in a Primary if a voter says they are one party but does not appear in that voter book?

In a Primary Election, each party experiencing a Primary will have their own, colored-coded, book. If a voter is not in one book, check the others. If the voter does not appear in any book, present them with a affidavit ballot, allow them to vote by affidavit ballot, and the Board of Elections will do further research.

INSPECTOR ISSUES

How do I know what table (Election District) I should be at?

Your coordinator will tell you what district you are assigned to. Inspectors must sit at the table they have been assigned by their coordinator unless they receive permission to change from the Board of Elections. Inspectors should always make sure that they are signing paperwork like the Certificate of Service, Pay Vouchers and the Canvass Report, from the district they are assigned to.

How should we handle reporters or news-crews that appear at the polling site?

Always be considerate toward the press. Call the Board to inform the Commissioners if the press appears at your site. Reporters may ask inspectors or voters questions outside the 100’ distance marker. They may not accompany voters into the voting machine or go behind the voting machine to examine the dials. They may not disrupt proceedings.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS – Lever Machine

When we call the Board on Election Day, who will we be speaking to?

The phone numbers on the flip chart go to the Election Inspector Coordinators, the Deputy Commissioners and the Commissioners. Inspectors must follow their instructions.

What should we do if our Spanish Interpreter does not show up?

Please call the Board of Elections, 753-1550, AFTER you open, and inform us that your Spanish interpreter has not arrived. We will make every effort to find you a substitute.

How do inspectors identify a Spanish Interpreter? A Board employee?

The supplies in each designated Hispanic District will contain an envelope for Spanish Interpreters, including a nametag. This is the best way to identify if your ED should have an interpreter. As you open, interpreters should introduce themselves and then be allowed to join the team of inspectors at the table. Board employees should have a Monroe County ID displayed.

How can we improve the lighting, heat or set-up of our Polling site?

The best way is to find the custodian or janitor at your polling site. Because of the number of Polling sites, it is difficult for the Board of Elections to make immediate changes on Election Day. Town inspectors may also want to speak with their Town Clerks since it is the Clerks that reserve the polling sites and have contact numbers.

What can we do if our handicap crank is accidentally locked in the back of the machine?

Call the Board of Elections (753-1501) to see if we can provide you with another crank. If not, ask to use the crank of another handicap accessible machine at your polling site.

Can the Board of Elections provide transportation for inspectors to and from the polling site?

No. In fact, coordinators are NOT permitted to drive inspectors to and from the polling site, either. Inspectors must provide their own transportation.

How do inspectors vote if they are scheduled in a different polling site from where they vote?

Inspectors must be permitted time to go and vote if they are scheduled in a different polling site than they vote in. The inspector must inform the chairperson about how long they will be. The time to vote in addition to the time allotted for meals, but may be combined. Inspectors may also vote by absentee ballot in person at the Board of Elections (39 W Main Street) beginning two weeks before the election.

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Review Questions for Inspector Exam

NOTE: these are only SAMPLE Questions. Other subjects may be asked on the Exam

Part I: Before you Start

- A. List three minimum qualifications to be an inspector.
- B. List five responsibilities of an Election Inspector.
- C. List three jobs inspectors will be doing though the day.
- D. How many inspectors of each party are required to open a district?
- E. List three roles of the Chairperson.
- F. What is the purpose of the entrance button on the voting machine?
- G. What does the public counter record?
- H. What does the number 3 key do?
- I. What does the number 2 key do?

Part II: Opening the Polls

- A. When do the polls open on General Election Day and Primary Day?
- B. When must Inspectors arrive at the polls on Election Day and Primary Day?
- C. When may the supply bag be opened?
- D. What should inspectors do first after they arrive at the polls?
- E. Describe what must be done between opening the back of the machine and closing it?
- F. What is the purpose of the Distance Marker?
- G. Where should the Vote Here Signs be placed?
- H. What is the purpose of the arrow signs?
- I. What signs should be placed on the wall near the machine?
- J. List four supplies that should be readily available on the inspector table.

Part III: Check-In Procedures

- A. List the sequence of Checking-In a voter.
- B. Name three documents that can be used if the voter's record shows "ID Required."
- C. List the additional check-in steps necessary in a Primary Election.
- D. List three reasons an affidavit ballot might be used.
- E. What is the Notice to Voters?
- F. List three options available to inspectors if the voter's address is not in the district.
- G. What is the purpose of the street guide?

- H. What responsibilities do the inspectors have to process an affidavit ballot?
- I. When is an Emergency Ballot used and what responsibilities do the inspectors have to process an emergency ballot?
- J. Why would a voter use a Court Order and what must the inspectors allow the voter to do if the voter produces a valid Court Order?
- K. What is the purpose of a write in vote and how is it done?
- L. What is the purpose of the Challenge Report?

Part IV: Assisted Voter

- A. List three instances when a voter may be assisted.
- B. Should inspectors accompany the Spanish interpreter into the booth?
- C. Describe any oaths that may be necessary to administer if a voter requires assistance.
- D. List three ways to sensitively interact with a voter with disabilities.

Part V: People at the Polls

- A. List a responsibility of a Spanish Interpreter.
- B. Why might a poll watcher be at an election district and what must they present to the inspectors?
- C. List two functions a poll watcher may do and two actions they may not do.

Part VI: At the Polls

- A. When during the day should ALL inspectors be at the polls?
- B. Give three examples of what may not be brought to the polling site.

Part VII: Closing the Polls

- A. When exactly do the polls close?
- B. Describe how the machine is canvassed.
- C. When should the paper roll be cut?
- D. Where is the seal to the poll book?
- E. What supplies go into the orange dotted bag and where must inspectors return the orange dotted bag?

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- A. Why does a Primary occur?
- B. What entity sets inspector pay?

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Checklists – Lever Machine **

SIGNATURE CHECKLIST

- _____ Affidavit Ballot Envelopes
- _____ Emergency Ballot Envelope
- _____ Affidavit/Emergency Return Envelope
- _____ Challenge Report
- _____ Pay Vouchers/Payroll Sheets
- _____ Certificate of Service
- _____ Key Return Envelope
- _____ Paper Roll Return Envelope
- _____ Canvass Report – Opening & Closing the Polls Sections

OPENING CHECKLIST

- _____ Make sure the district on supply bag is the same as that of machine
- _____ Snap curtains inside of the machine
- _____ Plug cord in for light
- _____ Display sample voting machine
- _____ Make sure sample ballot is same as machine face
- _____ Verify dials are at zero
- _____ Verify dateline on paper roll
- _____ Remove Crank
- _____ Sign Opening Polls section of Canvass Sheet
- _____ Post Signs & put flag out
- _____ Post District Map, Sample Ballot, and Voters Bill of Rights
- _____ Break Seal
- _____ Turn on Machine with #2 Key

CHECKLIST: VOTER NOT IN POLL BOOK

- _____ Stay calm & calm the voter
- _____ Re-check street guide to see if the voter is at the correct district
- _____ Re-Check poll ledger for spelling of name and any possible confusion between first name and last name
- _____ If voter is not in your district, check if they are in another district in your polling site
- _____ If not in your district, check district map for the correct polling site
- _____ Call Board for assistance

CLOSING CHECKLIST

- _____ Turn off the machine with #2 Key
- _____ Read vote totals from dials at the back of the machine.
- _____ Record vote totals on the Canvass Sheet and Tally Sheet
- _____ Cut the paper roll if date line is not visible and place in paper roll return envelope
- _____ Tally write-in votes
- _____ Replace the handicap crank
- _____ Sign Closing Polls section of the Canvass Sheet
- _____ Seal the poll ledger
- _____ Take down signs; bring flag inside
- _____ Re-Pack; separate Orange Dot items from other supplies
- _____ Place machine keys in orange dotted return key envelope
- _____ Secure seal in entrance button
- _____ Return ORANGE DOT items to designated location