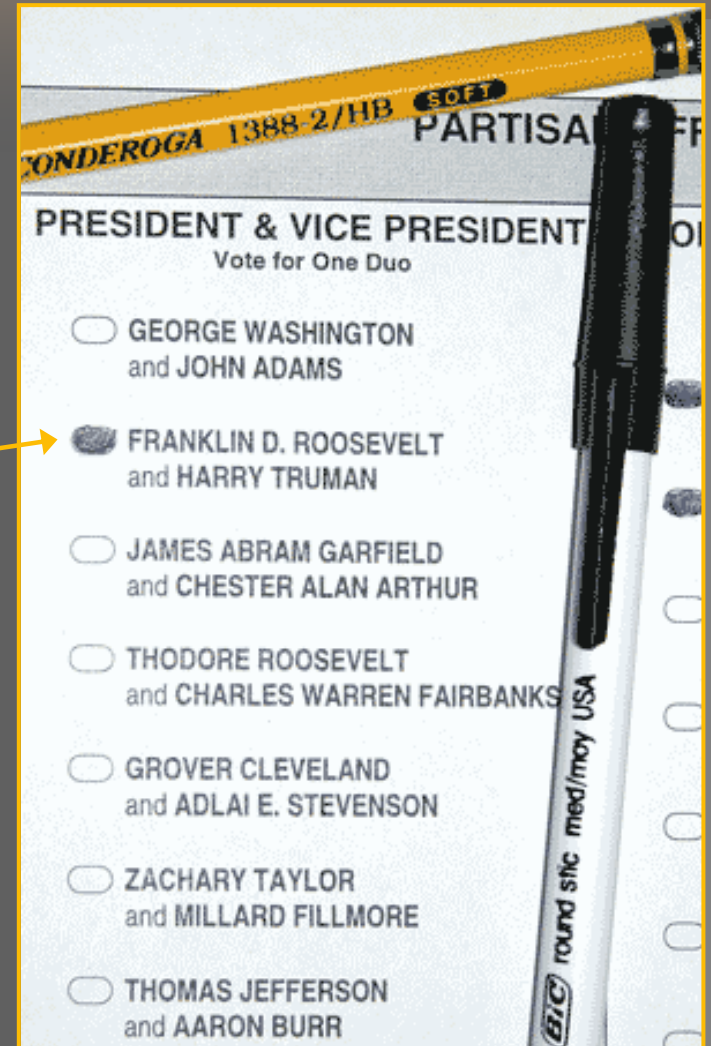
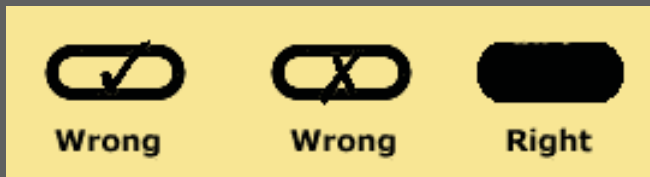


# Marking and Correcting Your Optical Scan Ballot

- ➔ A blue or black pen works best. But if you don't have one, a dark (No. 2) pencil will also work. Do NOT use a red pen or pencil or "Sharpie" felt pen.
- ➔ Vote your choices by **completely filling in the oval** next to the candidates or measures you have selected.
- ➔ Do NOT mark the ovals with a check mark (✓) or "x" (X).



## Voting Opportunities

- ⇒ In most elections, you can only vote for one person.
- ⇒ In some races, such as city council or special district contests, you may have more than one voting opportunity – but at all times DO NOT vote for more candidates than the race allows. This will result in an **OVERVOTE** and no votes for that race will count.

**COMMISSIONER FOR PUBLIC RELATIONS**  
Vote for TWO

**ROBIN WILLIAMS**  
Morkite

**LILY TOMLIN**  
Telephone Operator

**MORTIMER SNERD**  
Professional Dummy

**BETT MIDLER**  
Actress/Singer

**BULLWINKLE J. MOOSE**  
Cartoon Character

Qualified Write-in

Qualified Write-in

## Correcting Mistakes, part I

- ➔ Mistakes happen. You change your mind or get in a hurry and mark the wrong oval. Here's what to do:
  - ▣ The best thing to do is to return the ballot to us and get a new one. If you are voting at the polls, precinct workers will be glad to help you.
  - ▣ If you are voting absentee, you can bring it to us in person or return it in the envelope we provided. There's a box on the envelope for you to check. We'll send you another ballot the day we get your spoiled ballot.

I have spoiled or mismarked my absentee ballot.  
Please send me another one.

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Sign your name on this line.

- ➔ But sometimes it isn't convenient to come to Eureka or there isn't time for the mail to get through before the election....

## Correcting Mistakes, part II

- ➔ A good way to correct a ballot is to make a distinct "X" through the mismarked oval, mark your preferred choice, and print or write legibly "Yes" next to the name of your candidate or measure choice.
- ➔ The example at the right shows how a voter "corrected" his or her vote. If our Absentee Ballot Review Board can agree on how you intended to vote, we will correct your vote using statewide-accepted procedures.

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Vote for TWO

**ROBIN WILLIAMS**  
Morkite

**LILY TOMLIN**  
Telephone Operator

**MORTIMER SNERD**  
Professional Dummy

**BETT MIDLER** *yes*  
Actress/Singer

**BULLWINKLE J. MOOSE**  
Cartoon Character

Qualified Write-in

## Correcting Mistakes, part III

- ➔ **DO NOT** put your initials or name on the ballot. Identifying marks will void your ballot and we cannot count it (Elections Code § 14287).
- ➔ Mismarked ballots are among the last counted because of the extra processing involved. *To make sure your ballot is counted as soon as possible, ask for another one if you mismark or otherwise spoil it.*

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Qualified Write-in

# Voting for a Qualified Write-in Candidate

- ➔ Only votes for *qualified* write-in candidates are counted. To become qualified, a person must file papers with the election official responsible for the district having the election.
- ➔ Locate the office for which you want to cast a write-in vote.
- ➔ Completely blacken the oval next to the line for the write-in candidate.
- ➔ Print or write legibly the name of the qualified write-in candidate on the line next to the oval.

**COUNTY**

**SHERIFF**  
Vote for One

WILD BILL HICKCOK  
Lawman

MATT DILLON  
US Marshall

Samuel Gerard  
**Qualified Write-In**

Card 1

The image shows a ballot card for a Sheriff election. It has a header for the county, the office name 'SHERIFF', and the instruction 'Vote for One'. There are three candidates listed: Wild Bill Hickcok (Lawman), Matt Dillon (US Marshall), and a qualified write-in candidate. The write-in candidate's name, 'Samuel Gerard', is written in cursive and underlined. A yellow circle highlights the oval next to the write-in name, and a yellow arrow points from the text in the first list item to this oval. The card is labeled 'Card 1' at the bottom.