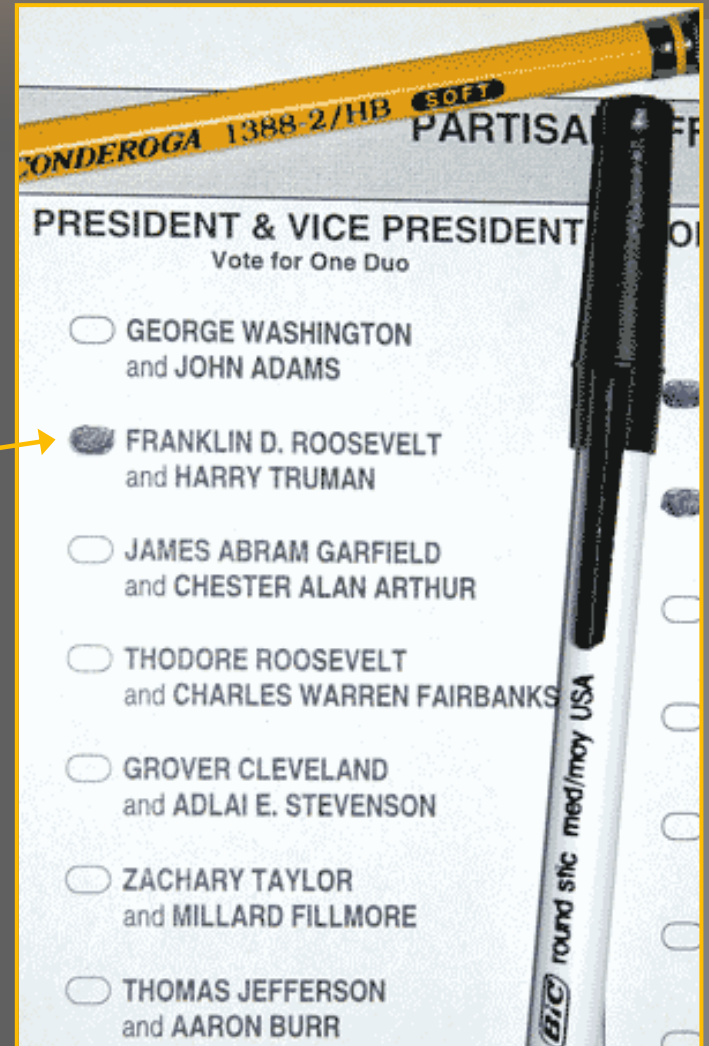
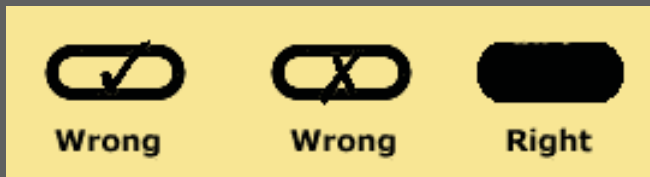


Marking and Correcting Your Optical Scan Ballot

- ➔ 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.

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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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 features a shaded header with the word 'COUNTY'. Below that, the office 'SHERIFF' is listed with the instruction 'Vote for One'. Two candidates are listed with radio buttons: 'WILD BILL HICKCOK' (Lawman) and 'MATT DILLON' (US Marshall). A third option, 'Qualified Write-In', is selected with a black dot. The name 'Samuel Gerard' is handwritten in cursive next to this option. A yellow circle highlights the black dot and the name. A yellow arrow points from the first bullet point of the text to the 'Qualified Write-In' section. At the bottom, there is a dashed line and the text 'Card 1'.