



State of Maine Instructions for Voters

General Instructions for Marking a Ballot

How Do You Mark the Ballot?

Fill in the Oval next to your choice, like this:

BALLOT	
Office of Dog Catcher	
Doe, John Anytown	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Doe, Jane Anytown	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

Two-sided Ballots

Your ballot may be printed on both sides.

- If there is printing on both sides of the ballot, please be sure to mark both sides of the ballot.

Do You Need Help Voting?

You can ask for help to read or mark your ballot:

- You may bring a helper with you or
 - Ask an election official to help you.
- ⊙ The helper may **not** be your employer, an agent of your employer, or an officer or agent of your union.

How Do You Vote for a Write-in Candidate?

To vote for a write-in candidate:

1. Fill in the oval next to the write-in space **and**
2. Write the person's **name** next to the oval.

NOTE: Only votes for **declared** write-in candidates will be counted. A list of declared write-in candidates is posted with the Sample Ballots.

BALLOT	
Office of Dog Catcher	
Doe, John Anytown	<input type="radio"/>
Doe, Jane Anytown	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in) <u>Mary Doe</u>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

Did You Make a Mistake or Change Your Mind?

Don't erase or cross out your choice(s).

- Ask the warden or election clerk for a **new** ballot. (You can do this up to 2 times.)
- Make any changes before you put your ballot in the machine.

What is an Overvote?

- On the State ballot, you may vote for only 1 candidate for any race or ranking category. This can be a person whose name is listed on the ballot or someone you choose to write in.
- You may vote for only 1 choice for any question.
- If you vote for more than 1 person in any race or ranking category or vote for more than 1 choice for any question, that is called an overvote.

What Happens When You Make an Overvote?

- The machine will show you a message on the screen about the overvote.
- If you want to correct your ballot, press the button "Correct Your Ballot" on the screen.
- Ask the clerk for a new ballot. The clerk will stamp or write "Spoiled" on the first ballot and give you a new ballot to fill out.
- If you do not want to correct your ballot, press the button "Cast Your Ballot with Errors". **Important:** As soon as you "Cast Your Ballot with Errors", you have voted, and it is too late to get a new ballot.
- **An overvote will not count for that race or question.** The votes you marked for other races will still count if you marked them correctly.