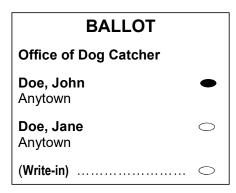


State of Maine Instructions for Voters

General Instructions for Marking a Ballot

How Do You Mark the Ballot?

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



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 <u>mark both sides</u> 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 <u>or</u>
- Ask an election official to help you.
- The helper may <u>not</u> 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 <u>declared</u> 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	0
Doe, Jane Anytown	0
(Write-in) Mary Doe	•

<u>Did You Make a Mistake</u> <u>or Change Your Mind?</u>

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 <u>before</u> 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.